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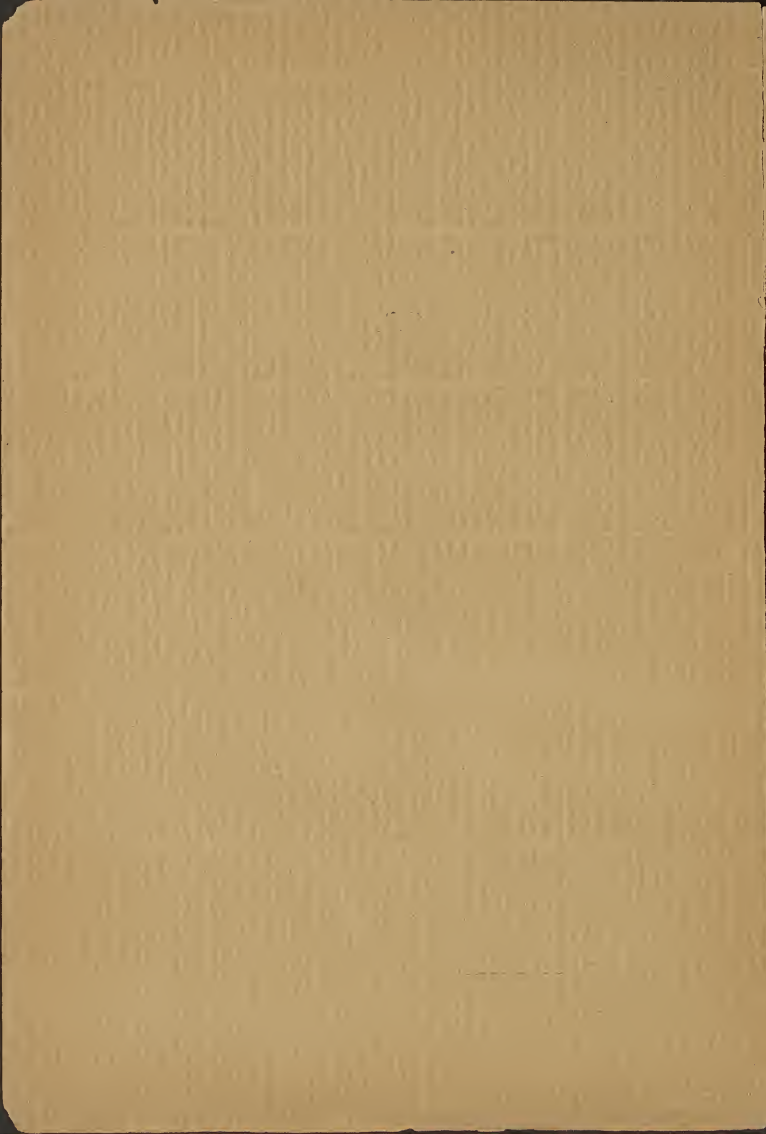


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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

AND THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

TOGETHER WITH
Reports of Other Affiliated Societies.

CONFERENCE OF THE BAPTIST MINISTERS.
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.
WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.
WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.
WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION UNION.
BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION.

ALL MEETINGS HELD WITH THE
FIRST CHURCH OF BRIDGEPORT,
OCT. 14-16, 1895.

Next Annual Meetings with First Church, New London, Oct. 19-21, 1896.

REV. P. S. EVANS, Secretary, New Haven.

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Delzell, S. W.	Moosup.	Remington, G. W.	North Colebrook.
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Ives, S. A.	Thompson.	Tyler, G. W.	Hartford.
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Linsley, Harry	South Windsor.	Wilcox, A. J.	New London.
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST
CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF 'CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY—PASSED
MAY, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches in the State of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention:

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of both President and Vice-President the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex-officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board, each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At the meeting of the Board, in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall keep a

careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interest of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations

to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church without a pastor applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds

vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.


APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, should be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

 All statistics respecting *members* and *finance* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Oct. 15, 1895.

The seventy-second Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, on the above date. President Wayland called the Convention to order at 10 o'clock.

Pastor J. W. Ashworth led in prayer.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson, pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention :

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren of the Baptist State Convention— I congratulate you on having so beautiful a place in which to meet. We are sorry to be compelled to send you so far away for the night, but it is just as far from the home to the church as from the church to the home. I welcome you that you may emphasize the grand old faith of the Baptists. I was glad that Dr. Wilkins said last night that we were Christians first, then Baptists. I welcome you to our city, and trust that God's blessing may be upon all you do.

President Wayland said in reply :

In behalf of the delegates I thank you for your warm welcome to the Convention. We meet in a new, a beautiful house of worship, and if we continue thus to meet in a new—almost cathedral, it certainly will show the affluence of the denomination. You are not here to hear an oration from the presiding officer, but to do business for God. I see no reason why this may not be the most successful Convention we have had.

Mrs. Baker sang a solo.

The President announced the following Committees, to report at this session :

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. P. G. Wightman, Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph. D.; Rev. F. G. McKeever, E. B. Boynton.

On Enrollment—Rev. Arthur W. Smith, Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rev. W. R. Bartlett, Rev. E. Berger, H. H. Weed, Esq.

On Resolutions—Rev. A. Wheaton, Rev. F. E. Marble, Rev. N. A. Marriott, Rev. Leonard Smith, J. E. Emmons, Esq.

On Place and Preacher—Rev. E. T. Miller, Rev. G. M. Evans, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. R. O. Sherwood, Bro. Waterbury of Stamford.

After singing "Dear Father, to Thy Mercy Seat," Rev. George M. Stone, D. D., read the Scripture and offered prayer, and Rev. J. D. Herr, D. D., preached the annual sermon, taking for his text, Acts 10:45. The preacher's theme was "The Gentile Pentecost." He spoke of three distinct and special pentecostal outpourings—the first, that at Jerusalem, which is known as the Jewish Pentecost, and which followed the season of protracted prayer; the second, that at Samaria, which followed the preaching of Philip and the laying on of the hands of Peter and John, and known as the Samaritan Pentecost; and the third, which occurred in the house of Cornelius and is called "The Gentile Pentecost"—a prophecy of the bringing in of "the fullness of the Gentiles." The preacher ably set forth the position and office of the Holy Spirit, the absolute dependence of the church and the preacher upon him, and with what confidence we may depend upon his presence among us in power if only we seek and then follow his guidance. The discourse was a most fitting preparation for the sessions of the Convention.

The Board of Trustees presented their report through the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

GENERAL OUTLOOK.

In making our Annual Report to your honorable body we would first mention with devout gratitude that our ranks have not been depleted by death. Neither have any of our brethren in the active ministry been called away. Two retired pastors, Rev. D. D. Lyon, aged 80, and Rev. Sidney S. Carter, aged 87, have laid down their burden of care and entered into rest. The report of the Committee on Obituaries will make proper mention of these honored brethren, and possibly of others, ministers and laymen, who have been identified with the work in our State.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Churches will not be as encouraging this year as last. Last year was one of exceptional fruitfulness, the baptisms reaching the unprecedented number of 1,321, requiring the addition of another column of figures in our table of statistics. This year the number falls to 925, which yet is larger than any previous year up to 1894.

If the returns of our church clerks can be relied on, the total number of our members this year is 24,432—a gain of 278. We cherish the hope that the lonely unit in the column of thousands, which records our additions by baptism, may find next year, and every year hereafter, companionship. We cannot doubt that more earnest effort and more holy living on our part will produce larger visible gains. Still we recognize that the number of baptisms is by no means the only or the chief criterion by which to judge the advance our churches may have made, or the work they may have achieved in the kingdom and patience of our Lord. As one illustration of the steadfast faithfulness of our churches, we are pleased to state that the general benevolence of the churches exceeds that of last year by more than \$9,000; and this notwithstanding the fact that the churches have found it more difficult this year than last to meet their ordinary current expenses. Evidently they have learned to look upon the things of others, and not exclusively upon their own. The changes in the ministry this year, though perhaps not more numerous than at other times, yet involve some of our most important churches, such as First Hartford, Middletown, Deep River, East Washington Avenue, Bridge-

port; and Old Mystic. The changes are twenty in all. The vacancy in the pastorate is already filled in nearly all except the churches just mentioned.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee have held their usual meetings. The first meeting of the Board as now constituted was held in Norwich, Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 5 P. M. At this meeting the Superintendent of Missions was elected, and the By-Laws of the Board were so amended as to read: "At the meeting of the Board of Trustees first following the election of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Convention, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of Missions. His year of service shall be from the time of his appointment until the next annual meeting of the Convention." At this meeting, also, the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee, as they appear in your printed minutes, were appointed.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was held in New Haven, Nov. 5, at 1 P. M. At this meeting appropriations were made directly to 22 churches, aggregating \$585 per quarter, and special committees were appointed on the applications of six other churches, who received aid to the amount of \$187.50—making in all for the 28 churches, \$772.50 per quarter.

At the same session of the Executive Committee a special committee, consisting of the Secretary, Rev. C. A. Piddock and Rev. W. G. Fennell, was appointed to secure, if possible, the services of Rev. W. H. Johnson as State Evangelist, to fix his salary and direct his labors. The Committee accomplished the purpose for which they were appointed. Bro. Johnson was hired at a salary of \$800 per year and traveling expenses. Bro. Johnson immediately entered upon his labors and has continued in the service of the Convention. Fuller allusion will be made to his work in a later part of this report.

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Hartford, Jan. 2, 1895. At this meeting appropriations were made to 30 churches, aggregating \$847.50. At the same session important committees were appointed to consider the interests of some of our mission churches.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in New Haven, April 3, 1895. Reports were made by the special committees that had been appointed on the Winsted and Andover and Colchester churches, and the Calvary Church, Putnam. The reports of the several committees were accepted and the action recommended was taken. Permis-

sion was given to the German Church, Waterbury, to exchange the mortgage which the Convention held for \$1,000 for a second mortgage to the same amount, provided the first mortgage to be executed should be for a sum not exceeding \$800. Appropriations were passed to 29 churches, aggregating \$891.25. At this meeting the project of securing a tent in which the Evangelist might hold services through the summer was discussed and received the full endorsement of the Board.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee was held in New London, July 15. Appropriations were made to the amount of \$835. A special committee of five, viz: Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. W. G. Fennell, Rev. J. D. Herr, D. D.; Rev. J. H. Mason and Rev. G. W. Nicholson, was appointed to consider carefully the financial condition and methods of administration as relating to the future, and report, with recommendations, to the Board at their annual meeting.

OUR AIDED CHURCHES.

Thirty churches in all have received aid from your Board during the past year. We can hardly trespass enough upon your time to call especial attention to every one of them. It may be said in general that the pastors in their fields have done most excellent service. Some of them you will hear from during the sessions of the Convention. The faces of all of them will have been made familiar through the publishing of their portraits in "The Advance" and in "The Souvenir Program," which the Superintendent has prepared. It is hoped that the sight of the faces of so many of our pastors who, through the little aid furnished by your Board, have been enabled to cultivate the fields committed to them, will, more than mere figures could, impress upon our churches the magnitude of the work in which we are engaged. A few of the churches should be especially mentioned.

THE WINSTED CHURCH, for which the Convention has done more, perhaps, than for any other church, furnishes a striking illustration of the wisdom of helping a church with a liberal hand at the beginning of its history when the struggle is the hardest. As you will doubtless hear from the pastor himself, the church will ask no further aid from the Convention.

THE ROCKVILLE CHURCH has made marked advance the last few months. Rev. A. P. Wedge assumed the pastorate in April. The

congregations have greatly increased, and the church has taken on new courage. Two thousand dollars have already been subscribed towards the building of a parsonage. Your Board found it needful to increase the appropriation to \$300, but should the present prospects be realized, the church will need little, if any help after the coming year.

WEST HARTFORD.—An earnest effort, seconded by your Board, has been made to revive the interest in this important suburb of Hartford. Rev. Wm. R. Bartlett was called to the pastorate, and has done all that anyone could do in that field. Although your Board appropriated \$50 per quarter, the little company of believers there has found it very difficult to pay the amount (\$400) pledged to his support. At present Brother Bartlett is preaching also at Park Street Mission, Hartford. The fields are not far apart, and the needed pastoral work in both can easily be done by one man. However, to make a success in either field the pastor's presence at both the morning and evening Sunday services seems indispensable. The present arrangement can be but temporary. The future of both of these fields is a matter of deep concern to your Board.

NEW HARTFORD suffers the loss of its energetic and devoted pastor, who goes to minister to a church in Haverhill, Mass. This church has also been depleted by the removal of quite a number of its members, chiefly to Winsted. Though not lost to the cause, nor to our own denomination, they can yet be spared only with great difficulty by the little church. The most serious embarrassment which the church feels; however, arises from the unfortunate location of their house of worship. As the brethren on the ground have but very little financial ability, there seems to be no remedy until such time as the Convention may be able to give them substantial aid in removing their chapel, or building a new one on a more eligible site. The abandonment of such a field cannot be considered.

The condition of the SHELTON CHURCH is a source of great anxiety to your Board. Of the \$3,000 which they received from Elder Jennings, \$2,000 is for the present, if not irretrievably, lost. Other churches, the Methodist and Congregational, started since our church was organized, have, largely by outside help, built attractive church edifices. The Baptist chapel lacks facilities for the proper prosecution of their work. The enlargement of the present or the building of a new edifice seems essential at this time. That the church has

enterprise and hopefulness and is now in good working form was made abundantly evident to the members of your Board who attended the sessions of the New Haven Association, by the abundant provision made and the conveniences that were extemporized for their accommodation. They are a people whom generous help would only stimulate to greater sacrifice.

THE BRIDGEPORT MESSIAH CHURCH has continued to receive aid to the amount of \$150 per year. Under the leadership of Pastor Morton they have been making most heroic effort to provide themselves with a suitable house of worship. Appeals were made to your Board to aid them by the grant or loan of one or two thousand dollars. This was found impossible in the present condition of the treasury. The Convention is aware that the moneys given for church building—\$5,000 to Winsted, \$1,000 each to Meriden Swede, New Britain Swede, and Waterbury German, and \$500 to Ansonia Colored—was, with the exception of five hundred dollars contributed by Brother A. J. Shipley, all paid out of the proceeds of the Farm in Illinois, the Cheshire Fund, and the legacy of Andrew Fuller of Willimantic. The need of the Messiah Church was so urgent that Brother Morton and his people, with the cordial approval of many of the brethren in Bridgeport, have been engaged in building a substantial, roomy church. The people have paid \$2,100 for the lot and raised about \$1,800 towards the building, which will cost, in all, \$7,000. They have secured \$4,000 on mortgage, and will need \$1,200 to pay the balance of indebtedness. The interest on \$4,000 is \$100 less than they have been paying for the very inadequate and miserable premises they have been occupying. They ask for aid in raising this \$1,200.

MOODUS CHURCH, or "East Haddam," as known in our Minutes, makes encouraging report of progress the past year, under the wise leadership of her experienced pastor, Rev. Jabez Marshall. The church, like so many others, feels the drain of its young blood to the cities. The Jennings fund of \$2,000 has here also come to grief. The pastor writes: "With the membership we have, and the central position of church and parsonage, it would be suicidal in the last degree for the Convention to let us sink. We occupy a more solid and respectable position in the eyes of the community, by far, than for a long time. Peace and concord reign within our borders, with fair prospects for aggressive work."

EASTFORD CHURCH enjoys the ministration of Rev. T. P. Briggs, who began his active ministry in North Colebrook, and after many years of successful labor in Massachusetts has returned to Connecticut. The church feels greatly encouraged, and deems herself exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of one so cultured and devoted.

We should be glad to refer at some length to others of our American churches, but it would take too much of your time. Nor does your Board think it wise to report on certain frictions and unpleasantnesses that have occurred in two of our mission churches. We recognize that the Board is appointed for the hearing and disposing of such cases, and, as the churches will doubtless outlive them, we deem it unwise that they should be spread upon a printed record.

THE FRENCH MISSION has been under the charge of Rev. N. J. Du Mesnil. In Danielson there has been an unusual and interesting movement. The French people felt aggrieved at the action of the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church in denying to them a priest of their own nationality. They withdrew in large numbers and held meetings by themselves. Special services were held for them by our missionary, with the aid of other workers, and quite a number of them have become obedient to the faith. Also a large number of Bibles and Testaments have been distributed. So we are reaping our reward for the fidelity with which we have supported this Mission in the past.

THE SIX SWEDE MISSIONARY CHURCHES have continued quietly and faithfully at work. The reports from all are encouraging. None of them has yet reached the point of self-support. Those of them who have secured chapels of their own have not yet freed themselves from debt. When they shall have done so you might safely withdraw further aid and leave them to their own resources. The BRIDGEPORT SWEDE is so strong in numbers that it might now be safe to test their ability. Perhaps they will not learn their own strength till compelled to stand alone.

THE HARTFORD SWEDE CHURCH, though occupying free from expense the chapel of the South Church, is very anxious to have a house of its own. They are negotiating for a lot. This might be a desirable movement if they should locate in a section of the city remote from the other Baptist churches, so that their interest might, in time, merge itself into an English-speaking church. With the present resources, your Board cannot promise any pecuniary aid. We refer to

the matter in our Report that our churches may understand how varied and urgent are the claims that are pressed upon us.

The condition of the NEW HAVEN SWEDISH CHURCH appeals very strongly to your Board. This is the oldest of all our Swede Missions, and it has done an excellent work. It has lost largely by removal of its members to other places. But from the first it has been greatly hampered in its work from want of a suitable place of worship. At present it occupies a room, or two small rooms made into one, in the third story of a building on the busiest and noisiest street of New Haven. The Lutheran and the Congregational Swede churches are housed in attractive church buildings. None but those who are impelled by deeply religious motives, and are in closest sympathy with our views, are likely to be drawn to this incommodious and unattractive place of worship. There are supposed to be 2,000 Swedes in New Haven. Our Missions in Sweden have had a phenomenal success. Not a few of those who immigrate to this country come over already Baptists. Of all foreigners, this people seem the most amenable to evangelical teaching and most quickly assimilate to our ideas, and soonest acquire our language. The present pastor, Brother Liljegren, is eminently adapted to his work. Yet both he and his people are getting discouraged, since all their sacrifices—and these are many—have not availed to place them in conditions favorable to aggressive work; so that they seem as far from success and from self-support as they were ten years ago. They are now contemplating the purchase of a church property, which they can secure at a cost of about \$3,000, little more than the price of the land it occupies, and which by an outlay of \$600 or \$700 would admirably answer their purpose. A gift or temporary loan without interest of \$1,000 would enable them to make the purchase. The interest on the remaining debt would be considerably less than the rent they are now paying. They ask your Board to do for them what it has done for New Britain and Meriden and Waterbury churches. Your Board refers this matter also to your consideration, and to that of the churches whose delegates you are, with a strong endorsement of the needs and hopefulness of this field.

Among our aided churches the WATERBURY GERMAN has broken the record by actually paying back into the treasury fifty dollars out of the \$1,000 loaned to them for the building of their chapel. They are occupying a field quite remote from our other Baptist churches.

English classes are taught in their Bible School and English services held in their chapel.

In view of all that needs to be done to strengthen the fields already occupied if they are ever to reach the point of self-support, it might seem unwise to speak of NEW FIELDS OF WORK. Yet your Board feels that our churches can greatly increase their contributions if only the needs which actually exist can be fittingly brought to their notice. Perhaps first among these—not because of any certainty of immediate success, but on account of our supreme duty towards “the strangers within our gates”—we mention the necessity of providing MISSIONARIES TO THE ITALIANS. It has been proven by work among them in other fields that the Italians, more than any other Roman Catholics, are ready to give a hearing to evangelical Protestants. The claim has also frequently been made, and we believe justly, that Baptists, of all Protestant denominations, can most consistently and most successfully oppose the hierarchical tyranny and expose the vain traditions of the Papal Church, because they alone have stripped off the last remnant of the rags that clothe “the Scarlet Woman.”

Yet the one solitary Baptist Mission among the thousands of Italians in Connecticut is the one prosecuted in Stamford under the patronage of the Baptist Church. For want of sufficient funds your Board has been unable even to consider this problem. We wait only the encouragement of the churches.

The village of TORRINGTON offers us an “open door,” but a partial canvass of the place by the Superintendent and by Rev. W. G. Fennell, who have twice visited the place, has convinced these brethren that “an effectual entrance” cannot be made there unless we are prepared to offer similar, if not equal, financial aid to that which we offered in Winsted. Yet Torrington is a larger and more prosperous village than the former place. It also has fewer churches, so that there is a larger constituency to reach that is as yet unreached by other churches.

THE STATE EVANGELIST.

Pursuant to the instruction of the Convention, your Board early in the year secured the services of Rev. W. H. Johnson as State Evangelist. It was understood at the first that his work would be principally among the mission churches. That it has not been altogether

so is only owing to the fact that it was difficult to arrange dates, with some who applied. The brethren through the State have been fully informed of Brother Johnson's work through the "Christian Secretary," nor is it necessary here to repeat all the kind and appreciative words that have been written and spoken. Our Brother held meetings in Brooklyn, Colchester, Shelton, Groton, Plainville, Northville, Willington, Waterford, Montville. The largest harvest was reaped in Groton, where 122 gave evidence of feeling the power of the Gospel. In other places encouraging results were manifest, and in none of them were there wanting proofs of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Evangelist felt the need of a tent for summer work. With the consent of your Board, subscriptions were solicited, and the amount of \$222.55 was collected. The cost of the tent, with its furnishings—not counting the lamps, which were donated by Mr. E. Miller, and the organ, which was loaned by the Estey Co.—was \$238.94. The tent was first pitched in Branford the last week in June, afterwards in Moosup, then in Preston, and last in the city of Norwich. Your evangelist has shown himself well adapted to this peculiar and difficult work, and the experiment has been fully justified. The illness of Mrs. Johnson, and, for a few days, of Bro. Johnson himself, somewhat interfered with the work this summer. Our evangelist himself will tell you of his work.

The Treasurer's report will reveal the unwelcome fact that notwithstanding the increase in the general benevolence of our churches the past year, the offerings to our work are less than last year, and the receipts from other sources are less, leaving a deficiency in current expenses of \$675.

The chief causes for an empty treasury must be one or other of these: Either our people do not know the actual condition of the State, or they are indifferent to it. It cannot be that they know and do not care. The facts are, they hear a hundred words and read a hundred lines about the South and the West and the Foreign Field where they hear one word or read one line about the needs of our own State. There is an awakening along these lines in our Eastern States. In the Southern New York Association, which met only last week, a report was submitted by a committee which had been appointed "to consider the condition of the denomination within the bounds of this Association, and to make such suggestions for its improvement as may seem to be best."

The report of this committee is not before us, but we have little doubt it is in the direction of greater unity among the churches, more mutual helpfulness, a larger liberality towards all struggling churches, and the planting of new interests in every available locality.

While we would by no means lessen the enthusiasm and liberality of our people for the larger enterprises of the church, we would have them recognize that the maintaining of a pure Christianity in our own Commonwealth is of prime and supreme importance. Evangelical religion is not keeping pace with the increase of population in Connecticut. In past years—yes, in this year—a great work has been done with the little means at the disposal of your Board. With larger means a still greater work may be done. Half a dollar from every Baptist in the State would furnish us \$12,000. Is it too much to ask of a people that raise about a quarter of a million each year for all religious purposes? With this sum assured, we could accomplish most of the enterprises we have referred to in our report.

With this statement of facts, simply reminding the Convention that all we receive must come from the churches, and reminding the pastors that the returns from the churches will be according to the interest the pastors themselves take in the work, we respectfully submit this report.

For the Board.

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM AIDED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Quarters Aided.....	Added by Letter, etc.....	Added by Baptism.....	Number of Members....	Sermons Preached.....	Pastoral Visits.....	For Home Expenses.....	Raised for Beneficence....	Paid by Convention....
Bridgeport German...	4	...	3	29	94	100	\$250 00	.....	\$100 00
" Messiah...	4	12	12	85	115	.....	1,445 00	.....	150 00
" Swede...	4	24	16	185	170	1,200	555 00	140 00	50 00
" Immanuel.	4	1	3	72	101	197	733 00	37 00	150 00
New Haven Swede...	3½	6	12	52	137	165	625 00	15 00	137 50
Meriden "...	4	13	5	89	164	277	663 35	123 99	100 00
Hartford "...	4	1	12	55	161	230	527 49	51 89	100 00
New Britain "...	4	4	9	81	204	263	848 64	317 06	150 00
Waterbury "...	4	...	1	25	119	213	546 00	33 00	100 00
" German...	4	3	9	25	91	259	315 00	67 50	200 00
French Mission.....	4	9	2	68	245	946	.....	.....	250 00
Shelton ".....	4	7	10	111	103	414	522 68	39 94	125 00
West Hartford.....	3½	...	1	37	78	124	328 00	8 98	175 00
Tariffville.....	4	...	2	56	67	97	250 00	9 00	150 00
New Hartford.....	4	10	...	62	87	296	438 90	52 75	200 00
Winsted.....	4	4	4	147	95	640	1,102 21	42 32	150 00
North Colebrook.....	4	3	...	23	71	168	60 15	26 65	40 00
South Colebrook.....	4	...	...	47	51	40	108 60	39 43	40 00
Bantam.....	4	...	...	71	74	251	263 22	12 00	50 00
East Cornwall.....	4	...	...	48	45	79	178 75	27 75	50 00
Cornwall Hollow.....	4	...	...	32	24	49	100 00	9 00	50 00
Rockville.....	2	1	2	87	39	200	403 00	8 92	150 00
Andover.....	4	4	5	50	60	136	415 00	18 43	50 00
Westford.....	4	2	2	45	51	125	181 75	12 92	50 00
Eastford.....	4	...	5	70	79	156	266 00	63 25	100 00
Sterling Hill.....	2	...	...	85	27	126	203 73	6 42	50 00
Poquonnock.....	4	...	...	105	79	186	400 00	33 00	60 00
Old Lyme.....	4	...	...	85	105	566	325 00	41 50	100 00
Norwich Mt. Calvary.	4	3	11	159	81	289	596 00	40 93	100 00
East Haddam.....	4	...	2	55	118	362	427 00	28 00	125 00
TOTALS.....	32 1-6 years.	96	128	2,135	2,941	8,157	\$12,871 47	\$1,342.38	\$3,292 50

The report was laid on the table for further discussion.

W. F. Walker presented a summary of the Treasurer's report; this was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported, through their chairman, Rev. P. G. Wightman, and the following officers were recommended.

For President—Francis Wayland.

" Vice-President—W. A. Grippin.

" Secretary—Philip S. Evans.

" Treasurer—W. F. Walker.

" Auditor—J. E. Darrow.

Voted, That in the absence of the Secretary, Rev. C. A. Piddock be instructed to deposit the ballot for the above list of officers; upon his doing this they were declared elected.

Voted, That the Convention take a recess until 2 :30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled at 2 :30 P. M.

Rev. W. H. Johnson, the State Evangelist, gave for twenty minutes a very interesting report of "The Gospel Tent Work." He spoke of the interest which the pitching of the tent inspired. A great many people—Roman Catholics and others who could not be persuaded to enter a Protestant church—easily found their way into the tent, and were reached by the Gospel. He related several touching incidents of the conversion of men who had for years shunned the churches. Tents are now extensively used. Valuable in country districts, yet the most promising field for tent work can be found in our cities—on any vacant lot, on the most crowded streets, but in touch with some near-by church, some

of whose members should be always in attendancé to follow up the preacher's words and to form acquaintance with those who become interested. The tent work this summer began late. Some of our pastors were a little afraid to take hold of it. With the experience gathered this summer, we may hope for a large success next summer.

The report of the Special Committee on Methods and Means of Work was presented by Rev. C. A. Piddock :

The work may be divided into three classes : Sustaining weak churches in rural places ; planting of new churches in cities, villages and growing places ; and work among the foreign population. I would suggest that we undertake to raise \$10,000 for the Convention work this year, and this plan has been handed me :

Resolved, That two persons—one brother and one sister—be appointed in each church in this State for the purpose of raising funds for State work by personal efforts ; the appointments to be made by the churches, and amounts raised to be reported to the Superintendent of Missions.

Rev. J. D. Herr, after reading a letter from the Scott Hill church telling of a revival in the place, spoke in favor of this work.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Piddock,

Voted, That the resolution suggested by Bro. Piddock be referred to a special committee of five, to report later in the Convention.

Voted, That the President appoint the committee.

President Wayland appointed on this committee Pastors Stidham, Elsdon, Genung, Thompson and Stubbert.

The Convention was favored with a violin solo.

At this point President Wayland called upon Rev. J. H. Mason to preside in his absence.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

OLD CHURCHES.

Rev. G. W. Hervey of Tariffville said :

For many years the church I represent had no pastor, but they continued supplies all this time and the brethren stood firm. It was once a flourishing church, but business depression has injured it very much; but there are now encouragements.

All joined in singing "Triumphant Zion, Lift Thy Head."

Rev. T. P. Briggs of Eastford gave a very cheery account of the condition of his own field, spoke of the kindness of his people, and that he had been enabled to live on his salary, small as it is, and to enjoy some luxuries denied to his less-favored, large-salaried brethren in the cities. He, however, while recognizing the need of helping the smaller country churches, very strongly emphasized the imperative necessity of evangelizing the foreigners who were still crowding into our State and out into the once forsaken farms. Our State is a foreign mission field.

NEW CHURCHES.

Rev. A. W. Clark of Winsted said :

You know a good deal about our church, for you have invested liberally in it. We began with 29 members in 1890; since that time we have received 161 members into the church, and we now have 147. We have gained financially at the rate of from \$150 to \$200 dollars a year. We can now care for ourselves, so that you can give your help to others; but we wish to express our gratitude to you for all that you have done for us. I wish to make an earnest appeal in behalf of the Baptist cause in Torrington.

Rev. A. P. Wedge of Rockville said :

From the first the church has worked against great opposition. The former pastor worked faithfully. The opposition was removed this spring, and the work has gone forward far better. The congregation has increased from 60 to 150, and the evening congregation from nothing to 200. Our debt has been paid, and every Monday

morning the pastor's salary is paid. Friends have offered \$2,000 toward building a parsonage, and soon we shall have one. There have been a few conversions. We shall pay back every dollar to the Convention as soon as possible.

The Swedish Work was presented by Rev. Frank Liljegren of New Haven :

There are nearly 18,000 Swedish Baptists in this State. We do not try to keep up our language, and as we become Baptists we become loyal Americans. We have seven Swedish churches in the State. Three of these have good comfortable houses of worship, but in New Haven we have to pay \$200 for a hall on the third floor, where the noise of the trolley cars very much disturbs us. We have now an opportunity to purchase a little chapel in a favorable location. but have not the funds to do it.

Of the *Italian Work*, Pasqual De Carlo said :

I am glad to represent the Italian work. I was saved two and a half years ago, and have been preaching two years. Until nine months ago I worked at my trade, studied, and preached. I have now given up my whole time to the work. There have been many conversions and several baptisms. My people are very ignorant and superstitious.

All joined in singing "Saviour, Thy Dying Love."

A collection of \$60.41 was taken for the Convention work.

Rev. C. L. Rhoades said :

Now is the time to work for the Italians. Last Sabbath evening, rainy as it was, 60 Italians were present at the service and listened to De Carlo preaching in their own language. The people love their homes and children, and are thrifty, so that they are the very people we want.

Pastors Morton, Briggs, Genung, Martin, Wightman, Hill, Piddock, Ashworth, Lyon, Stubbart, Nichols, Thompson and Meyer joined in an interesting and profitable discussion of the work.

After singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," Dr. Phelps pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After a service of song, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., led in prayer.

Rev. C. L. Rhoades presented the report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee make the following report:

We do not attempt any review of the year's work upon the fields of missionary labor. Neither do we attempt to bring before you a view of the vast and ever-growing opportunities and needs of these fields. Limited in time, we can but look to things near by, and leave to those who shall follow to bring you the broad outlook.

We have not been able to obtain the missionary statistics for the year just closing, and shall therefore be confined to those of 1894 for any reference we may make to the gifts of the churches. But the underlying principles, and, as far as our observation extends, the conditions of missionary treasures, and the abiding—yea, increasing—needs of the kingdom, remain unchanged.

There is no need of prayer for open doors. God has never failed to open doors as fast as the church has been ready to enter in. He has done more. He has set open doors before the church as a witness against it. The attitude of the church toward these open doors is a witness against itself. Listen to some figures of 1894:

The payment, per member, in 1894, for "home expenses," was \$9.15, or an average of nearly 18 cents a week. This is looked upon as a gift to the Lord. Is it? If we give, expecting to receive again, what do we more than the worldling? Does not he do the same? What is expected, even demanded, in return for this 18 cents a week?

1. The heating, lighting, cleansing and care of the meeting house.
2. Two sermons, vigorous, thoughtful, educational, helpful and comforting.
3. A weekly prayer service, with Gospel exposition, that shall strengthen; and prayers and testimonies that shall soothe and rest.
4. A Sunday-school, with all proper equipment, with devoted officers and teachers that shall care for the moral and spiritual welfare of the children.
5. Pastoral visitation; care of the sick, sympathy with the troubled, wisdom for the tried, encouragement for the fearful, watchcare over the children, and all proper training for eternal life.
6. Proper provision must be made for the social life of the young people, and amusement for all.

And all this, with much more needless to mention, all for 18 cents a week! And yet they call this giving to the Lord!! It is the purest selfishness. It is the pooling of issues to obtain what they get at the least cost.

Wherein does the benevolent missionary spirit of our people show itself? Is it in the column of statistics marked "Other Objects"? This means entirely local objects, and much of it is given to objects only partly, if at all, religious. Is it found in our collections for "the poor of the church"? Shall a church ask credit and reward for caring for its own? How much does the church, in this respect, differ from the secret societies, worldly in character?

Fellow-workers, the only part of our statistical reports that can rightfully be placed in the category of benevolence and missions is that including State, Educational, Home and Foreign Missions. Taking account of these only, the average gift of our people is 96 cents each for the whole year, or less than 2 cents a week in obedience to our Lord's last commandment; and many give this pittance grumbling about missionary societies, soliciting committees, and begging, and then unctuously pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." With what words shall we characterize such lives, and whereunto shall we liken them? "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed God? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

It is not the commercializing of Christianity that we desire, but the Christianizing of commerce. We plead for honesty with God. The Lord sits over against the treasury now, as in Jerusalem. The

Holy Spirit is present at the collection, as much as at the prayer meeting. As we give in the one place, He gives in the other. He measures the honesty of our prayers by the honesty of our tithes.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We have repudiated the theocratic government and substituted a monocratic. We have repudiated the tithing-tax system of God and adopted the go-as-you-please system of men—all and because we exalt personal liberty and voluntary offerings at the expense of the "Thus saith the Lord," teaching for doctrines the customs of men.

If we are to give as we will, we need more of the right will.

If we are to give according to our intelligence, we must have more intelligence.

God is not the author of confusion, but of order. God is not the author of slipshod, spasmodic, impulsive system, which is no system, but of seed-time and harvest, summer and winter. "These shall not fail."

The most of our benevolent or missionary "systems" (!) are confusion worse confounded. Who is to lead us out of this condition of things? Who is to systematize the incomings as well as the outgoings of the treasury of the kingdom? Who is to arouse the church to its responsibility and duty under the law of God, and to open to her the exalted privilege given her of her Lord? Fully recognizing the administration of the Spirit in all, we speak of the instrumentalities at His hand.

1st. It is the duty of the heads of our missionary organizations to lead us out of the present condition, and to bring system out of present confusion.

2d. It is the pastors, primarily, who are to be the media between them and the churches.

Whatever systems there may be in our missionary organizations, looked at separately, it seems mostly to be a system of getting to the end of the year, someway, somehow—nobody knows just how it will be—but getting there without a deficit—the last sixty days a hustle and bustle, desperate appeal and pleading of pathos before the accounts are closed. There is no co-ordinated or co-ordinating plan or system—each one's methods and plans kept from the other and all kept from the churches, hoping that, by the springing of some new

scheme, taking device, or pathetic story, or condition of things, the trickling stream of two cents a week may be turned their way till relief crowns their efforts.

But enough; let us try to recommend something. We ask of our missionary societies that, through their secretaries or other officers, they should hold conferences of ministers, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, and heads of young people's organizations, that shall be veritable schools of the kingdom, spiritual in consecration, educational in formation, systematic in financial plan.

Our young people's organizations have in them more of the endeavor after system. This needs to be consecrated, fastened, directed; and how better than by a close connection, through the pastor, with our great societies?

Our Sunday-schools need to be schools of missionary training. Here missionary intelligence will find its best soil, and here system in benevolence should receive its first lessons.

We ask our Ministers' Conferences to give more consideration to the ways and means of advancing the kingdom. Less discussion of literary criticisms, of philosophical treatises, of abstruse doctrines and theological problems, and more consideration of how to make our people intelligent and true citizens of the Kingdom of Christ.

Christian life is but the outworking of the indwelling. The indwelling is dependent upon the ingathering and inreceiving. If there be the ingathering by study and labor, and the inreceiving by communion with the Holy Spirit, the outworking will surely follow.

He that is planted by rivers of water has rooted deep by living streams. His branches reach high and wide, with a leafage open to the windows of heaven, inbreathing of its life, even of the Holy Spirit. He shall drop his fruit every month—a steady fruitage for the food of the nations. Leaders of the children of God, why call ye unto Him? Speak to His Israel that they go forward.

C. L. RHOADES.

For the Committee.

A collection of \$19.32 was taken.

The rest of the evening was occupied with addresses on Missions.

The Ministers' Home was represented by Rev. M. H. Pogson, D. D.; the Publication Society by Rev. A. J. Rowland,

D. D. ; Home Missions by Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D. ; Foreign Missions by Rev. H. C. Mabie, D. D.

The services of the evening were closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. H. Mason.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. J. H. Mason, acting for the President, called the Convention to order at 2:30 P. M.

After singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Rev. P. G. Wightman led in prayer.

The report of the Board was accepted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee of five appointed yesterday on Means and Administration, presented by the chairman, Rev. I. F. Stidham :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the suggestions looking to the enlargement of the work of the Convention, respectfully report, recommending the following resolutions :

1. That we regard it our duty, in view of the opportunities which are opening to us, to make strenuous effort to raise at least \$10,000 for the work of the present year, and hereby commit ourselves to this effort.

2. That in order to its immediate prosecution, each church is hereby requested to appoint a committee of one brother and sister for the systematic canvass in the interests of this fund.

3. Recognizing the great success of our women in raising funds for missionary work, we ask them to give this Convention a place in their benefactions.

The report presented by Rev. C. A. Piddock on Means and Administration was accepted.

Rev. E. C. Sage presented, as the report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, a printed ballot, and the persons named were elected.

The Acting President announced the following Committees for next year:

On Nomination of Trustees—Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. J. B. Connell, Rev. W. R. Bartlett, Rev. T. P. Briggs and F. B. Smith.

On Obituaries—Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. Leonard Smith, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Rev. R. O. Sherman, Rev. J. A. Elder, Rev. A. S. Stowell.

On Sunday School Work—Rev. W. G. Fennell, Wm. H. Smith, H. H. Taylor, J. C. Collins, A. B. Ryan.

On Temperance—Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Rev. W. P. Squires, Rev. R. A. Nichols, Rev. F. Liljegren, Rev. W. N. Morton.

On State of Churches—Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Rev. S. W. Delzell, Rev. R. H. Sherman, Rev. N. A. Marriott, Rev. H. E. Martin.

On Foreign and Home Missions—Rev. Henry Clarke, Rev. W. C. Martin, Rev. Jabez Marshall, Rev. J. C. Hyde, Rev. Geo. H. Jackson.

On New Churches—Rev. O. F. Pistor, Rev. Nils Ek, Rev. J. C. Gavin.

On Arrangements for Next Year—Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.; Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph. D.; Rev. P. S. Evans, Rev. J. S. Lyon.

These were elected.

The report on Place and Preacher was presented by the chairman, Rev. E. T. Miller, recommending that we meet with the First Baptist Church of New London, and that the Annual Sermon be preached by Rev. J. H. Mason, with Rev. Wm. D. McKinney as alternate.

The report was adopted,

Rev. S. D. Phelps, D. D., who has attended every Convention for fifty years, was called upon to give incidents connected with his long experience. He said :

The Convention fifty years ago was held in New London, and my easiest way to reach the place was to take the steamboat to New York, stop in Brooklyn over night, take the Long Island train to Greenport, and then the steamer to New London. Rev. Jabez S. Swan was President. They raised \$1,440 for the Convention work, and distributed \$505 among the churches. Rev. Emory Shailer was the missionary. The church at Waterbury received \$35; Southington, \$30; and the church at Torrington was that year received into the Convention and received \$15. I do not know what became of it. The Montville Union Church was also received into the Convention, though I am sure there had been a church in that place before. There was a need of money for Foreign Missions. Enthusiasm was aroused by the President offering \$25 extra as his gift, and \$500 was that evening raised for the purpose. There were about 15,921 Baptists in the State. One hundred delegates were present.

All joined in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The report of the Committee on Enrollment was presented by Rev. A. W. Smith :

We report the attendance of 324 delegates from 98 of the 140 churches in the State. Last year 77 churches were represented by 300 delegates, showing 21 more churches to be represented this year.

The attendance by Associations :

Ashford,	8 churches,	20 delegates.
Fairfield,	17 "	71 "
Hartford,	20 "	61 "
New Haven,	31 "	102 "
New London,	14 "	42 "
Stonington Union, . . .	8 "	28 "

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR W. SMITH.
A. P. WEDGE.
W. R. BARTLETT,
E. BERGER.

The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by the chairman, Rev. Leonard Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Convention recognize with profound gratitude the introduction of the Christian Culture Course to our young people's societies, and that we earnestly hope they may become the means of speedily engaging all our young people in a united effort for the acquisition of the highest qualifications for this service, regardless of name or other affiliation.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to the First Church of Bridgeport for the generous hospitality they have extended us in their homes, the magnificent series of collations spread for us in the church by the ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Gen. W. E. Disbrow and Mrs. E. L. Gaylord, and the handsome floral decorations, and the sweet and worshipful music with which they have enriched our meetings, led by Miss Carrie Baker and Miss Waldo.

WHEREAS, There is a continual flow of colored people from the South to this State, creating special need of watchcare by one of their own race, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board that a colored missionary be secured as soon as possible to labor among them.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to those railroads which have granted us reduced rates of passage over their lines.

Resolved, That we are grateful to the public press for full and kindly reports of our proceedings.

Resolved, That we heartily commend our State Baptist paper, "The Christian Secretary," to all the members of all our churches.

ARCHIBALD WHEATON.

LEONARD SMITH.

N. A. MARRIOTT.

The report was adopted.

Rev. C. A. Piddock presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

One of the sad things connected with our annual meetings is the thought that we must commemorate the names of those who have met with us in other years, but have passed to the unseen. In this brief report it will be impossible to mention more than a few of the saints who have passed away during the year. Some of our churches have been sorely afflicted, and nearly every church has been called upon to mourn. The number of members who have died during the year is not far from 300. Their record is on high.

In the ranks of our faithful men and women who have served well their generation, we find the name of Brother Rhodes D. Allen, of Putnam, who was one of the pillars and founders of that church and a generous giver of time and money to its support; Sister Warren Cooper, of the Second Suffield Church; Sister Margaret Hastings, of Hastings Hill; Sister Augusta Gilbert, of the Memorial Church, Hartford; and Sister Gertrude Davis, of the Asylum Avenue Church. Sisters Josephine and Huldah Tyler, of Norwich, although living for some years in Brooklyn, N. Y., yet were actively identified with the Central Church, Norwich, and were natives of Preston. Only last Sunday the remains of Sister Josephine Tyler were laid away to rest. She was a noble character and has gained the victory over the grave. We wish also to mention among the sisterhood of the saints Mrs. George Brewster, of Stonington, who for many years was a consecrated disciple, and who died on Christmas morning. That church has also lost from its membership Brother Oliver D. Cheesbro and Brother Wyatt Pendleton.

Sister Margaret Hoyt Knapp, of South Norwalk, a woman of rare gifts, and Sister Laura Pratt, of Essex, who died at the age of 87, have passed on to join the great majority. We should also mention Mrs. Harriet Betts, of the First Church, New Haven, a true "Mother in Israel," who was greatly beloved and will be sadly missed. Our sister, Johanna Schuff, a member of the German Church, New Haven, and for several years a successful missionary in India, after two or three years of brave struggle with illness and of patient waiting, has passed on to the land of light and of song. Also, Sisters A. G. Woodruff and Julia Palmer, of New Britain, have entered into rest.

Among the laymen who are missed to-day we mention Hon. Elisha H. Palmer of Montville, aged 80; Bro. Joseph Huntley of East Lyme, aged 86; Bro. Chauncey K. Bushnell of Central Church, Norwich, aged 90; Deacon Henry Stowe of First New Haven, 92 years of age, and for 66 years a deacon of the church; and Bro. E. A. Chapman of Meriden. Deacon John R. Jones, who was baptized by Christmas Evans and was the father-in-law of the late Rev. Mr. Garner, had been for 70 years a deacon, and died in Bridgeport the past year. These all died being full of years and having done noble service for Christ.

The record of ministers who have passed to their reward is unusually large. Some of the stalwart men of a former generation have gone to join the number of those whose names are written in heaven.

What shall we say of that true and noble man of God, Brother D. D. Lyon, who died at his home in Montville February 14, in his 81st year? He was a pioneer and an organizer of churches. From his earliest youth to mature age he was wise in counsel, sound in judgment, and a man of lovable nature—a man of God.

Brother Dr. Samuel Graves, so well known by his pastorate of ten years in Norwich, and a prince in our Israel, died at Grand Rapids, Mich., January 17. He was a fine scholar, an earnest preacher and a true man, and leaves a precious memory.

Bro. Orrin T. Walker, who was born in Preston in 1822, was called from earth September 9, in his 74th year. His father was a minister, and his brother, Rev. Wm. C. Walker, has left a glorious record in Connecticut. Brother Walker was a successful pastor in Meriden, and also in Boston and elsewhere. He won many souls to Christ. His last service was in the Shelton Church.

Other ministers who have died during the year are Rev. Sidney S. Carter, who passed away at Clinton, Aug. 25, at the age of 87 years. He served with acceptance a number of the smaller churches in his early manhood with success. Also Rev. J. A. Biddle, who had done royal service, and after years of enforced idleness on earth finds new and nobler employment in heaven. What a record these aged ministers of Christ have in heaven!

It is proper in this connection to mention the name of Rev. Dr. James R. Boise, the distinguished Greek scholar and author, who died in Chicago February 9, at the age of 80 years. He was for a time a teacher at Suffield, then instructor at Brown University and professor of Greek in the University of Michigan and Chicago. He was a type of the Christian scholar and was beloved by all who knew him.

We realize as we recall these and other names of those who have died during the year that our brethren are passing away with the years. We bid them good-by, and shall miss them here in our assemblies, but we know that they passed to a goodly heritage.

The poet has well said :

“ Above the grandeur of the sunsets
Which delight this earthly clime,
And the brightness of the dawns,
Breaking o'er the hills of time,
Is the richness of the radiance
Of the land beyond the sun,
Where the noble have their country
When the work of life is done.”

It remains for us to do the work left undone, and to live in the hope of the kingdom of Christ.

After brief remarks by Rev. S. D. Phelps, the report was received, adopted, and ordered printed in the Minutes.

On behalf of the Committee on Temperance, Rev. A. W. Smith presented the following resolutions :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would only seek to record the present signs of progress in the suppression of the liquor traffic, to indicate the present consensus of opinion, and to restate the common conviction of the Christian people we represent in behalf of the overthrow of the liquor power in all its forms. While in the temperance legislation of the last Assembly, very much less than was reasonably desired by the way of important acts was actually passed, and while the recent returns of this year's vote indicate a loss in the number of No-License towns, and in some places a reversal in favor of the saloon, there is sufficient reason to believe the temperance cause is steadily gaining ground. For although the liquor traffic is not by any means abolished, and does not yet permit us to think its final overthrow very near, never were the claims of intemperance more strongly urged, never were the real issues more distinctly separated, never has the liquor evil become so prominent as an all-absorbing civil problem. Moreover, Christian people have recognized a respon-

sibility in this matter as never before, to the extent of becoming the champions against the evil, so that men are coming to believe all actual progress to depend on the enlistment of the churches in some aggressive way in agitation of anti-liquor sentiments; in fact, successes are where Christian people act, and proportional to their direct efforts. In some way, the members of the churches must be made to believe that it is for them to emphasize moral principle and to make men see how to apply the Gospel so as to reform this crying evil that threatens the very society to which we Christian people belong. Hence this Committee would urge upon all the members of our churches to face this problem in the light of fundamental Gospel principles and in observance of our individual obligations as Christians, with the single purpose to apply the transforming influence of the efficient Gospel to this perplexing issue.

2. We cannot refrain from intensifying our plea for active participation by Christian people in the solution of this problem, since we note the fact and record the belief that the liquor traffic is showing how intimately it is joined to some of the most flagrant evils that are just now disastrously menacing the very life and power of the Christian Church. Among them ought to be mentioned the increasing decadence of the Christian Sabbath at so many points, and the pernicious influence of un-American institutions and modern tendencies on our Christian civilization. This fact calls for immediate action by Christians to exterminate this chief of the acknowledged causes of those elements which threaten to neutralize the work we are organized to accomplish.

3. We would pray all our churches to rise to the consciousness of individual responsibility and present opportunity, whatever it may be, and so to use ordinary Christian ability with reference to the suppression of the liquor traffic as that, if defeat comes, it will be impossible to charge it to the apathy and inactivity of the Christian people of our Connecticut Baptist churches.

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR WARREN SMITH.
SAMUEL VANSTANE.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on New Churches was presented by Rev. J. W. Ashworth.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We have to report the formation during the past twelve months, within the limits of our Convention, of four churches. One is the Olivet, at New Haven; pastor, Allyn K. Foster. This church is the outgrowth of a Mission from Calvary, now the "Mother of Churches," for the one in Howard Avenue was chiefly composed of Calvary members, as the Hope Church was from the First Church.

A German church has also been formed in Waterbury, under the pastorate of our Brother Schoen. The work of this body is being done far from any other Baptist church, with unusually good prospects of success; and they have already proved their generous zeal by the unprecedented fact of returning to the State Convention, during the first year of their organization, fifty dollars of their indebtedness.

Another church, the Shiloh (colored), has been formed in New London, starting with 23 members, pastor, C. L. Crockett, with most encouraging probabilities.

A church was also organized last winter at Laurel Glen, in the Stonington Union, and is now occupying a union church building. At present this church is pastorless.

We commend all these churches to the fraternal regard and co-operation of the older churches of our Convention, and pray that they may have, from their beginning and continuously, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and abundant success.

Now for Torrington!

JOHN W. ASHWORTH.

W. P. ELSDON.

JAS. W. MANNING.

The President spoke a few words of welcome to the new churches and pastors, and the report was accepted.

On behalf of the Committee on Sunday School Work, Rev. W. G. Fennell presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee would note with pleasure the increasing interest in Bible School work. Our churches in building new houses of wor-

ship uniformly provide convenient accommodations for this department; more attention than ever before is given to the periodicals placed in the hands of the pupils, and we are continually discussing the best methods for achieving the largest results. This is as it should be, but we still fall far short of giving this work the emphasis it deserves. Two or three points we would urge anew upon the representatives of this Convention. In the Bible School the church can place its hand upon the church of the future, as is possible in no other way. If more education is necessary to-day than in former years to enable a man to enter the arena of public or business life, so more preparation is necessary to fit members coming into the church for the enlarged and increasing demands of the kingdom of God. The Bible School, too, is our best opportunity of giving prominence to teaching. Both Christ and Paul made teaching as well as preaching a factor in the progress of the church. Again, the Bible School teacher has an influence, a long-continued influence, over individuals, that a pastor, with his large field, can hardly hope to obtain; he can meet their personal difficulties and stand by their side until impressions are made which will permanently affect character. Another strong point is, that the Bible School is one of our best opportunities of coming into touch with the thousands outside of church influence. The child may often be reached where the parent cannot, and once you have won the child the way is not far to the parent's heart. In short, the Bible School is one of the most strategic points in the conflict of righteousness with unrighteousness. It is one of the chief points of wisdom—long-headedness—which Jesus commends in the parable of the unjust steward. We should plan broadly, wisely, and with a long look ahead, if we would increase the power of the church.

To this end your Committee would recommend that greater attention be given to the enrollment of our schools. Many are allowed to drop out when a little personal interest would hold them. There is little use in filling from the top if leaks are allowed at the bottom. Then a large use of the social power would greatly increase the number of new scholars. A judicious committee, scattered through every part of the parish, whose duty it should be to note and report the coming of every new family, with changes or negligence that may occur, would prove of great value.

Your Committee would call attention to the Bible School meetings held each year at Crescent Beach. Rev. J. R. Stubbert is now president, and he is entitled to our earnest co-operation in lifting this

work to a higher plane. We would commend to your attention also a suggestion strongly urged by Bro. J. P. Collins of Norwich, that the functions of the Bible School Committee appointed by this Convention for the next year be increased; that instead of a bare survey of the previous year or inspiring suggestions for the future, they do actual work throughout the State wherever needed. Such work would include the quickening of schools where the interest is at a low ebb, and the organization of new schools wherever it seems desirable. This suggestion is timely. There is no doubt that we owe more attention to this department of our work. Quickened schools mean active churches; larger schools mean larger numbers under the leavening influence of the Gospel. Your Committee would recommend that we take this subject to our hearts. We may most fervently pray for the kingdom's coming when we place ourselves in line with the kingdom's purposes and the kingdom's methods.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. FENNELL.

T. W. POTTER.

J. R. STUBBERT.

Voted, To adopt the report and print it in the Minutes.

On behalf of the Committee on the State of Religion in our Churches, Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN OUR CHURCHES.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report:

If some facetious brother does not regard the statement as irreverent, it may be said that as far as baptisms were concerned the Baptist cause in Connecticut reached the high-water mark during the year 1894, there being a total of 1,321—the largest in the history of the State; while there is recorded for the year just closing, 925. When we consider, however, that in many respects the year 1894 was a special season of reviving and refreshing, and that there is usually, if not always, a reaction, the report for the present year is not at all discouraging. Ashford Association makes a gain of ten over last year,

reporting 81 baptisms, as against 71 last year. Fairfield reports 145—a loss of 28; Hartford, 175—a difference of 1; New Haven, 304—a loss of 131; New London, 110—a loss of 208; and Stonington Union, 110—a loss of 37.

If one is inclined to statistics, he can spend many a profitable hour with the State Minutes, and it is possible that he may be astonished at some of the results obtained.

For instance, we hear a great deal about the weak churches, and our thoughts turn to those churches that are few in members, poor in pocket, and largely situated in sparsely settled country regions. We sympathize with and pity our brethren thus unfortunately located, in that, because of circumstances and surroundings, they are able to accomplish but little.

If, however, the seeking and the saving of the lost is the chief mission of the churches, then it may indeed be a question as to whether our ideas in regard to the weak churches of the State ought not to undergo a change; whether, after all, it is not the large churches, with their well-paid pastors, excellent organizations, and worldly wealth, which should demand our sympathy, pity and prayers, instead of the smaller churches with poorly-paid pastors, plentiful poverty, and so small a membership as to make much of an organization impossible. Examining the statistics of the year 1894 for all the Associations of the State, the following results are gleaned: Dividing the churches into two classes, those with a membership of over 200 and those with a membership of under 200, and the statistics read as follows: In the Ashford Association, 2 churches, with a membership of 862 and an average of 431, report 36 baptisms, or 1 for every 24 of the membership. Five churches, with a membership of 534 and an average of 106, report 35 baptisms, or 1 for every 15 of membership. Fairfield Association.—Six churches, with a membership of 2,288 and an average of 381, report 90 baptisms, or 1 to every 25. Ten churches, with a membership of 749 and an average of 74, report 83 baptisms, or 1 for every 9. Hartford Association.—Seven churches, with a membership of 2,930 and an average of 418, report 78 baptisms, or 1 for every 37½. Eleven churches, with a membership of 729 and an average of 66, report 98 baptisms, or 1 for every 7½. New London Association.—Five churches, with a membership of 2,287 and an average of 457, report 211 baptisms, or 1 for every 11 of the membership. Fourteen churches, with a membership of 1,556 and an average of 114, report 108 baptisms, or 1 for every 14 of membership. Stonington

Union.—Five churches, with a membership of 1,857 and an average of 371, report 114 baptisms, or 1 for 17. Eight churches, with a membership of 1,062 and an average of 131, report 33 baptisms, or 1 for every 32. The last two Associations are the only ones reporting in favor of the larger churches; and the reports of this year—the only two in the possession of the Committee—show as great a percentage in favor of the smaller churches as do the 1894 reports of the other Associations of the State.

In regard to benevolence, there is a total this year of \$54,306.37, as against \$44,840.51 last year, four Associations making a gain over last year, and two reporting a loss. So notable is the gain in the New Haven Association as to be worthy of special mention, as her benevolence makes the splendid advance of \$9,000.

Dare we, after all, do much boasting? Twenty-four thousand Baptists among 300,000 unsaved people bringing less than one-third of one per cent. into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and giving but a trifle over two dollars per year for benevolence! An old physician once said: "Only two things are needed to make a good doctor. 1st. To know what ails the patient. 2d. To know what will cure him." The Church must be densely ignorant, if it does not know what ails the patient and the remedy that will cure. Is it not possible, in a far larger sense than at present, to follow in the footsteps of the Great Physician?

It is gratifying to know that the young people's societies are active, energetic, and thoroughly loyal to Christ and the Church. May the Holy Spirit so fill and endue with power from on high as to make of them mighty workers for God in the years to come.

Looking forward to a greater work, and, let us trust, a greater accomplishment, your Committee would suggest as a means for such accomplishment that there be some method whereby the pastors come in closer touch with each other in evangelistic work; for, as was said in the admirable report of 1892: "Few Evangelists, helpful as they are in many cases, can so wisely assist the pastor as brethren who are with him bearing pastoral burdens, and who expect to remain in their office to the end. May we not, dear brethren, more frequently look each other in the face, on our allotted fields of labor, and more frequently enter into the harvest work of Christ together, as fellow helpers to the truth?" Respectfully submitted.

H. M. WOLF, JR.

A. S. BROWN.

A. S. STOWELL.

The report was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the Clerk print the Minutes without reading them to the Convention.

About eight minutes were given to a conference meeting, in which quite a number spoke of their desire for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. .

President Mason spoke a few words, all engaged in silent prayer, Pastor Meyer offered prayer, Pastor Mason pronounced the benediction, and the Convention was ended.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

*in account with*W. F. WALKER, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance at last report,	\$ 10 07
“ Bequests,	700 00
“ Evangelistic Fund,	196 00
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FROM CHURCHES.

Andover,	\$ 2 50	Hartford Memorial,	40 00
Ansonia,	70 00	“ South,	117 84
Branford,	33 80	“ Swedish,	5 00
Bridp't, E. Wash. Av.,	54 35	Jewett City,	22 38
“ Swedish,	5 00	Mansfield,	15 00
“ Messiah,	10 00	Meriden, First,	134 27
Bristol,	45 00	“ Main St.,	26 50
Bantam,	2 00	“ Swedish,	15 00
Brooklyn,	21 75	Middletown,	4 63
Clinton,	12 00	Montowese,	12 00
Colchester,	5 00	Montville,	9 00
Cornwall Hollow,	5 00	Moodus,	10 00
Cromwell,	8 60	Mystic Union,	51 24
Danbury, Second,	66 70	New Canaan,	1 00
Danielsonville,	23 88	New Hartford,	5 75
Deep River,	84 13	N. Brit'n, C. and S.,	136 50
Eastford,	20 00	“ Swedish,	10 65
Easton,	7 00	“ German,	6 38
East Cornwall,	9 00	N. Haven, First,	412 00
Essex,	75 00	“ Calvary,	239 80
Groton, First,	15 85	“ Grand Av.,	34 85
“ Heights,	16 85	“ German,	20 00
Haddam,	5 00	“ Hope,	40 00
Hartford, Asylum Av.	157 00	“ Swedish,	5 00

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N. London, First, . . .	44 36	Stafford,	6 00
“ Huntington St., . .	17 00	Stamford,	100 00
“ Shiloh,	1 00	Sterling Hill,	3 50
Niantic,	10 00	Stonington Borough, .	127 00
New Milford,	22 50	“ Third,	5 00
North Lyme,	20 00	Suffield, First,	9 00
Norwalk, First,	25 10	“ Second,	39 84
Norwich, Central, . . .	100 00	Tariffville,	6 00
“ First,	25 00	Thompson, Central, . .	11 35
Old Lyme,	20 00	Voluntown,	6 00
Packersville,	12 00	Wallingford,	18 40
Plainfield Union, . . .	8 25	Waterbury, First, . . .	100 00
Plainville,	18 14	“ Second,	3 00
Plantsville,	15 81	“ Swedish,	2 00
Poquonnoc Bridge, . . .	10 00	Waterford, First, . . .	11 76
Putnam,	60 46	“ Second,	9 00
Rockville,	8 00	West Woodstock,	5 00
Saybrook, First,	5 89	Westford,	3 00
Shelton,	6 00	Willimantic,	25 00
South Norwalk,	25 76	Willington,	7 00
South Windsor,	15 05	Winsted,	31 66
Southington,	12 59		
			—————\$3,142 42

FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clinton,	\$ 5 88	Groton, First,	11 17
Hartford, South,	5 17	Southington,	64 46
“ First,	20 00	N. Haven, How'd Av., .	5 00
Middletown,	6 72	Branford,	2 00
Warrenville,	3 10		
			—————\$ 123 50

FOR INTEREST.

Fr'm Chapman Fund, \$270 00	Martha Rogers Fund	22 50
Cone “ 180 00	Dunham “	195 00
Miller “ 80 00	E. N. Francis “	50 67
Frisbie “ 50 00	Alfred Francis “	76 08
Rowayton “ 90 00	May “	25 00
Sheldon “ 20 00	Illinois Farm,	66 67
		—————\$ 1,125 92

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FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK.

North Lyme,	\$ 10 00	E. Larkin,	25 00
Meriden, First, . . .	15 00	Middletown,	25 00
M. W. R. Wayland, .	50 00	Jewett City S. Sch.,	3 76
A. J. Shipley,	50 00	" Church,	25 00
Geo. M. Stone,	50 00	New Haven, Calvary,	75 00
James L. Howard, . .	50 00		
			<hr/> \$ 378 76

FOR MINUTES.

Ministers' Conference,	\$ 1 03		
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	10 00		
Woman's Home Missionary Society,	5 00		
Connecticut Baptist Young People's Union,	10 00		
Connecticut Bible School Union,	6 75		
New London Association,	24 85		
Stonington Union Association,	4 00		
New Haven Association,	10 12		
Ashford Association,	5 00		
Education Society,	60 00		
			<hr/> \$ 136 75

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

A Friend,	\$ 5 00		
Miss Lizzie Rogers,	1 00		
P. S. Evans,	25 00		
Geo. M. Morse,	125 00		
			<hr/> \$ 156 00

Y. P. S. C. E.

Spring Hill,	\$ 4 00		
Waterbury, First,	15 00		
			<hr/> \$ 19 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Woman's Home Missionary Union of Connecticut, . .	\$ 50 00		
P. S. Evans, services as supply,	80 00		
Winsted, rent of property,	37 59		
Waterbury German, on mortgage,	50 00		
From loan,	1,200 00		
			<hr/> \$1,417 59
			<hr/> \$7,406 01

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PAYMENTS TO CHURCHES.

French Mission,	\$ 250 00
New Haven, Swedish,	137 50
Bridgeport, German,	100 00
" Swedish,	50 00
" Messiah,	150 00
" Immanuel,	150 00
Meriden, Swedish,	100 00
New Britain, Swedish,	150 00
Waterbury, "	100 00
Shelton,	125 00
Tariffville,	150 00
New Hartford,	200 00
Winsted,	150 00
Bantam and Cornwall,	150 00
Eastford,	100 00
Westford,	62 50
Poquonnoc Bridge,	60 00
Old Lyme,	100 00
Norwich, Mt. Calvary,	100 00
West Hartford,	175 00
North and South Colebrook,	80 00
Waterbury, German,	200 00
Andover,	50 00
Sterling Hill,	50 00
Hartford, Swedish,	100 00
Rockville,	150 00
Salem,	25 00
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	\$ 3,215 00
P. S. Evans, salary and expenses,	1,673 56
Expenses at Convention,	10 00
Printing,	310 15
W. H. Johnson, Evangelist,	733 28
" " expenses,	47 44
Interest,	181 67
Rowayton, income,	90 00
New Canaan, income,	17 25
North Stonington, income,	80 00
Insurance, New Hartford,	37 50

Andover, income,	44 00
Expenses of Executive Committee,	8 75
Wethersfield, income,	164 25
Moodus, "	178 20
Interest for Shelton,	90 00
Deposit for Church Edifice Fund,	50 00
Willington Church, income,	104 00
Balance,	370 98
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	\$7,406 01.

See note at close of report.

In addition to above amounts there has been received the balance due on Illinois Farm \$2,000, and notes for same amount which were predicated thereon have been paid.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts, with vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

JOHN E. DARROW, *Auditor.*

October 21, 1895.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at last report,	\$ 906 07
From Churches,	3,142 42
" Sunday-schools,	123 50
" Interest,	1,125 92
For Evangelistic work,	378 76
" Minutes,	136 75
From Individuals,	156 00
" Y. P. S. C. E.,	19 00
" Loan,	1,200 00
" Other sources,	217 59
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	\$ 7,406 01

PAYMENTS.

To Churches,	\$3,215 00
Salary of Secretary and expenses,	1,873 56
" Evangelist " "	780 70
Interest,	271 67
Income to Churches,	677 70
Printing,	310 15
Miscellaneous,	106 25
Balance,	370 98
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See note at close of report.

BEQUESTS.

The Income of Which is Payable to Designated Churches.

Bequest of Eber Dunham,	\$ 4,500 00
" Esther N. Francis,	900 00
" Ann M. May,	500 00
" Almira O. Cone,	5,000 00
" Alferd Francis,	1,500 00
" Anna E. Miller,	1,000 00
" A E. Phelps,	500 00
" Sarah M. Frisbie,	1,000,00

Bequests, the Income of Which Belongs to the Convention.

Bequest of Martha Rogers,	\$ 500 00
" Hannah B. Bixby,	870 00
" Chas. H. Chapman,	6,500 00
" C. H. Sheldon,	500 00

Bequests, the Income of Which Accrues.

Bequest of Alva Baldwin.	\$ 1,218 28
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The Convention also holds the title to the following church property: New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Calvary Church, Putnam, Winsted and Meriden Swedish; and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, and \$950 on German of Waterbury.

LIABILITIES.

Loan at Savings Bank of Britain,	\$ 2,200 00
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PRINTING MINUTES.

Rec'd from Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, . . \$	10 00
" Home "	5 00
" Connecticut B. Y. P. U.,	10 00
" Bible School Union,	6 75
" New London Association,	24 85
" Stonington Union Association,	4 00
" New Haven "	10 12
" Ministers' Conference,	1 03
" Ashford Association,	5 00
" Education Society,	60 00
Current Funds,	112 40
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	\$ 249 15
Paid Dibble & Brink,	\$ 249 15

Since the above report was completed I have received the following amounts:

From Seth J. Hall, for Evangelist, \$	25 00
" Edward Miller,	50 00
" W. G. Fennell,	10 00
" Wallingford Church,	41 00
" Mt. Calvary, Norwich.	2 00
" Niantic,	3 50
Mrs. Francis Wayland,	100 00
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	\$ 231 50

and \$500 has been paid in on-loan, leaving balance \$102.48, instead of amount above stated, and balance due on loan, \$2,200.

It should also be stated that the following amounts, received during the session of the Convention last year, were included in the summary of report, but by an oversight were not printed in classified report:

First Bridgeport, \$	73 55
Noank Church,	25 00
" Sunday-school,	25 00
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	\$ 123 55

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

There has been received by the Committee on Evangelistic Work the sum of \$222.61 towards payment for the Gospel tent. This amount has come from churches, Sunday-schools, young people's societies, and individuals. All gifts were acknowledged in the August number of "The Advance," except the last, of \$3.56, from the Grand Avenue Church, New Haven.

The Secretary has received from twelve Sunday-schools using the Concert Exercise which he has given them, \$60.21, which will be acknowledged in the next number of "The Advance." As only a part of the Concert Exercises has been used, and the transaction is not closed, no money has been paid to the Treasurer. The Secretary also received from a friend, who desires to be not known, the sum of \$200 for the special benefit of the Willington Church, which sum was paid over according to the request of the donor. In all, \$482.82 have been contributed to the State work, none of which has passed through the Treasury.

Adding to these known amounts the unknown amounts contributed by the Stamford Church to the Italian Mission, by the Hartford churches to their City Mission, and by New Haven brethren to the repairs on the Olivet Church and the enlargement of the Grand Avenue Church, we may assert that not less than \$5,000 has been given for State Missions, which does not appear in the accounts of the Treasurer; but these are all reckoned in the statistics of our Associations.

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

- Ansonia*—Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McKinney, Mrs. W. O. Wallace, J. H. Fisk, C. Carter.
- Ansonia*, Second—Rev. Edward Johnson.
- Bantam*—Rev. E. B. Elmer, Miss Blanche Crossman.
- Bloomfield*—Rev. T. G. Wright.
- Branford*—Rev. P. G. Wightman, James H. Fowler, Chas. W. Harrington.
- Bridgeport*, First—Rev. G. W. Nicholson; Deacons M. E. Morris, W. A. Grippin, John E. Foster, Ezra B. Silliman, John W. Brittin, Louis A. Skinner, Louis S. Morris.
- Bridgeport*, German—Rev. J. H. Myers.
- Bridgeport*, Immanuel—Rev. H. A. Chapman, Sarah Vanstane.
- Bridgeport*, Messiah—Rev. W. N. Morton.
- Bridgeport*, Swede—Rev. W. Johansen, P. E. Engberg.
- Bridgeport*, East Washington Ave.—W. R. Miller, F. Tomlinson, C. W. Beers, Mr. Parker, Rev. H. W. Pinkham.
- Bristol*—Rev. John S. Lyon, Geo. W. Mitchell and wife.
- Chester*—Rev. G. M. Evans, W. A. Brothwell, Miss M. E. Gorham.
- Colchester*—Rev. Arthur E. Harri-
man, Frederick I. Phillips.
- Cornwall*—Dea. Frank Whitecomb, Miss Lydia Whitcomb.
- Cromwell*—Rev. J. B. Connell.
- Danbury*—Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D. D.; F. D. Butler, Henry Booth, J. Amsbury, Anna Harris, F. D. Stanley.
- Danielsonville*—Miss Alice Bolles.
- Deep River*—J. P. Post.
- Essex*—Joseph P. Southworth, Grace S. Hough, Mary M. Post.
- Eastford*—Rev. T. P. Briggs.
- Groton*, First—Rev. W. H. Gardner.
- Groton Heights*—Rev. E. T. Miller, Dea. F. Gallup, Mrs. F. Gallup, Howard E. Edgecomb, Mrs. Howard E. Edgecomb.
- Haddam*—Mrs. E. C. Ventres.
- Hartford*, Asylum Ave.—Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D.; J. L. Denison, Chas. F. Gordon, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Chas. E. Prior, John Gemmell.
- Hartford*, First—Rev. Harold Pat-
tison, James L. Howard, R. P. Chapman, Mrs. Isaac Glazier, Miss Nellie Barrows, C. O. Spencer, E. B. Boynton.
- Hartford*, Memorial—Rev. H. M. Thompson, Louis Blood, F. R. Simonds, Mrs. F. R. Simonds.

- Hartford, South*—Rev. F. Dixon,
F. W. Payne, Mrs. H. L.
Strong, Miss Louise Carey,
B. F. Kesser.
- Hartford, Swede*—Rev. Nils Ek.
- Mansfield*—Rev. Leonard Smith,
Edgar F. Storrs, Mrs. M. A.
Morey.
- Meriden, First*—Rev. W. G. Fen-
nell, S. J. Hall and wife, Fan-
nie L. Twiss, Helen M. Ben-
edict, Mrs. Watson Curtis,
Mrs. G. H. Vaughn, Mrs. I.
D. Drew, John Ives and wife.
- Meriden, German*—Rev. Emil Ber-
ger.
- Meriden, Main St.*—Rev. Edwin
W. Husted, Dea. Samuel Pad-
dock and wife, Geo. Mills.
- Meriden, Swede*—Rev. Thos. Claf-
ford.
- Middletown*—Mrs. A. B. Ryan,
Mrs. A. Guild, C. D. Rice,
Rev. W. H. Johnson, Harlow
Bidwell, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs.
Smith.
- Montowese*—Rev. and Mrs. A. H.
Simons.
- Montville*—Rev. A. S. Stowell,
Mrs. Fred C. Palmer.
- Mystic*—Rev. and Mrs. Archibald
Wheaton, Dea. Robert P. Wil-
bur, W. H. Rathbun, Mrs.
Elmer Latham.
- New Britain*—Rev. I. F. Stidham,
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker,
Joel F. Gridley, F. E. Corbin,
Mrs. F. E. Corbin, Miss Ad-
die Lyman.
- New Britain, Swede*—Rev. John
P. Forsell.
- New Canaan*—Rev. T. L. Dibble,
John A. Weed.
- New Haven, Calvary*—Rev. E. M.
Poteat, D. D.; Rev. S. D.
Phelps, D. D.; Mrs. S. Emilia
Phelps, Giles Potter, George
Baldwin, John Bright, Rev.
D. W. Phelps.
- New Haven, First*—Rev. John H.
Mason, Dea. W. Ferris, Dea.
E. A. Howell, T. M. Cox, H.
H. Weed.
- New Haven, German*—Rev. F. W.
C. Meyer.
- New Haven, Grand Avenue*—Rev.
E. C. Sage, Ph. D.; Mrs. E. C.
Sage, Dea. N. A. Beebe, Mrs.
George Loveland, Mrs. Wm.
Sheffield, Dea. C. D. Manwar-
ring.
- New Haven, Hope*—Rev. Joseph
A. Elder, G. H. Priest, Miss
Abbie Scranton.
- New Haven, Howard Avenue*—
Rev. Geo. E. Nichols, Mrs.
Geo. E. Nichols, E. C. Chip-
man, Mrs. W. H. Elkins.
- New Haven, Olivet*—Rev. Allyn
K. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. B.
Curtis.
- New Haven, Swede*—Rev. Frank
Liljegen.
- New London, First*—Rev. and Mrs.
F. G. McKeever, Henry Weav-
er, Dea. Henry D. Stanton,
Mrs. Dr. F. W. Smith, Mrs.
Annie Lester, Dea. James
Newcomb.

- New London*, Huntington St.—Rev. J. R. Stubbart, Hon. T. W. Potter, Frederick Gates, Mrs. H. G. Holmes.
- New London*, Shiloh—Dea. W. M. Johnson.
- New Milford*—Rev. F. D. Luddington and wife, Miss Eliza Roberts, Miss Jennette Stone.
- Niantic*—Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Squiers, C. H. Ames, Dea. and Mrs. Mosier.
- Noank*—Rev. W. C. Martin, Dea. Roswell Sawyer, Wm. Fraser.
- North Lyme*—Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Ward.
- Norwalk*, Calvary—Rev. J. W. Hill, Mrs. John Grant, Dea. Charles Nichols, Dea. Geo. W. Johnson, Miss Lucy Haskins.
- Norwalk*, First—Rev. F. E. Robbins, A. J. Doane, David Miller, Mrs. Theodore Smith, Mrs. M. W. Silliman, Mrs. J. M. Benedict, D. S. Hull.
- Norwich*, Central—Rev. J. D. Herr, D. D.; Mrs. J. D. Herr, Dea. and Mrs. L. A. Gallup, Dea. F. E. Beckwith, Dea. B. G. Smith.
- Norwich*, First—Rev. A. S. Brown, Dea. and Mrs. Charles S. Peale.
- Norwich*, Mt. Calvary—Rev. N. A. Marriott.
- Old Lyme*—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gavin.
- Plainfield*—Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Delzell, Rev. J. P. Brown.
- Plainville*—Rev. F. P. Braman, A. H. Condell, Wm. Onion.
- Plantville*—Rev. T. C. Hanna, Mrs. Robert Holcomb.
- Poquonnoc*—Rev. N. T. Allen, Agnes E. Burrows, S. Augusta Kingsley.
- Putnam*—Rev. J. W. Ashworth, Dea. J. W. Manning, Mrs. J. B. Kent, J. B. Bowen, N. W. Kennedy.
- Rockville*—Rev. A. P. Wedge, E. J. Dann.
- Rowayton*—Rev. J. Atkinson, J. H. Sherer, C. Prince, D. Propser, A. Hathaway, W. D. Stevens.
- Scott Hill*—Mrs. T. E. Le Count.
- Shelton*—Rev. A. W. Smith, Dea. Lewis T. Young, Geneva B. Smith, Zabudah Wright.
- Southington*—Rev. J. C. Breaker, Dea. E. Atwood, Miss L. Matthews.
- South Norwalk*—Rev. R. O. Sherwood, Mrs. E. Quintard, Miss E. Quintard, Mrs. Mary Willmath, Dea. E. R. Bennett.
- South Windsor*—Rev. Harvey Linsley, Miss Annie C. Jennings, Mrs. Kate Parmelee.
- Stamford*—Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Clifton Lounsbury, Geo. G. Goulden, G. N. Barnes, E. S. Waterbury, Mrs. M. Gardner, Wm. N. Demorest.
- Stepney*—A. B. Curtis, Mrs. Beach Hill, Miss Edith Hill.

- Stonington*, First—Rev. Henry Clarke, Mrs. Henry Clarke, Hadlai A. Hull, Clarence S. Maxson.
- Stratfield*—Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, Dea. J. B. Wilson.
- Suffield*, First—Rev. L. B. Curtis, Dea. J. C. Hastings, F. E. Hastings.
- Suffield*, Second—Rev. G. F. Genung, Walter Scott, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Johnston, Miss Isadore R. Austin.
- Tariffville*—Rev. G. W. Hervey.
- Thompson*—Rev. S. A. Ives, Horace Morse, John Converse.
- Voluntown*—Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewhurst.
- Wallingford*—Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Marble, C. H. Brown and wife, Charles R. Tiffany, Miss Emma Blakeslee.
- Waterbury*, First—Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Ellsdon, Dea. A. J. Shipley, A. T. Smith, Dea. Wm. O'Neil, Dea. John Littlejohn.
- Waterbury*, Second—Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Nichols, Miss A. M. Bragg, Miss G. L. Snagg.
- Waterford*, First—Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr.; Albert Anderson, J. L. Payne, Earl W. Darrow.
- Waterford*, Second—Rev. J. Chester Hyde and wife.
- West Hartford*—Rev. and Mrs. Walter R. Bartlett.
- White Hills*—Rev. Geo. C. Sauer, Miss Ella Tomlinson, Miss Georgianna Tomlinson.
- Willimantic*—Rev. J. B. Lemon.
- Willington*—Rev. Chas H. Brown.
- Winsted*—Rev. A. W. Clark, Mrs. R. S. Norton, Mrs. C. N. Deming.
- Yalesville*—Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Perkins.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Churches in Asiford Association.	When Organized...	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase/Decrease.		Loss Gain	Present Condition.	Sunday Sch. ^d		Value of Church Property free of debt.....
Total Enroll'd.	Men	Women	Total Enroll'd	Baptism	Experience	Restoration	Letter	Erasure	Exclusion	Death
Andover.....	1886	J. B. Robinson.	92 Edgar D. White.	4	3	1	1	1	2	6
Brookfield.....	1886	Edwin Bennett	88 Thomas D. Pond.	5	3	1	1	1	1	6
Danvers.....	1874	John A. Allen	88 N. Hibbard	5	3	1	1	1	1	6
Eastford.....	1794	T. P. Briggs.	94 A. T. Allen	3	2	3	4	3	3	1
East Killingly.....	1775	E. A. Hill.	93 L. J. Stors.	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Mansfield.....	1806	Leonard Smith,	91 N. W. Kennedy.	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Punam, First.....	1847	J. W. Ashworth.	94 S. Powell.	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Punam, Calvary.....	1889	F. W. Fowler,	94 J. J. Fisher.	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Salem.....	1846	S. A. Banchelder	88 S. A. Banchelder	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Thompson, Central.....	1846	F. W. Wood (supply)	88 S. A. Banchelder	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Thompson, East.....	1846	F. W. Wood (supply)	88 S. A. Banchelder	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Tolland.....	1846	F. W. Wood (supply)	88 S. A. Banchelder	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
Warrenville.....	1848	George C. Chappell,	94 J. B. Bicknell.	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Westford.....	1884	George C. Chappell,	94 A. G. Barlow.	2	1	1	1	1	1	4
Williamamc.....	1828	J. Bunyan Lemon,	91 W. N. Potter.	31	8	4	213	18	8	6
Wilmington.....	1828	Charles H. Brown,	90 Albert Sharp.	9	3	1	2	1	2	6
Woodstock, First.....	1846	George C. Chappell,	91 Austin Williams.	4	2	1	2	1	2	6
Woodstock, South.....	1792	George L. Putnam,	91 Austin Williams.	4	2	1	2	1	2	6
Totals, Churches, 18		Pastors, 12		81	38	13	9	37	41	8
Last year,.....18		12		71	39	3	35	30	1	8

*Estimated.

*Including Parsonage.

*Including South Willington.

Total Enroll'd.	Men	Women	Total Enroll'd	Baptism	Experience	Restoration	Letter	Erasure	Exclusion	Death
25	11	14	25	4	3	1	1	1	2	6
106	50	56	106	5	3	1	1	1	1	6
132	62	70	132	3	2	3	4	3	3	1
162	71	91	162	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
46	21	25	46	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
38	18	20	38	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
140	65	75	140	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
75	35	40	75	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
210	101	109	210	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
41	21	20	41	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
97	52	45	97	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
31	15	16	31	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
45	21	24	45	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
25	11	14	25	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
200	90	110	200	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
153	71	82	153	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
20	10	10	20	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
43	21	22	43	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
34	16	18	34	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
26	12	14	26	5	1	1	1	1	1	4
855	406	449	855	81	38	13	9	37	41	8
1,234	593	641	1,234	71	39	3	35	30	1	8

*Estimated.

*Including Parsonage.

*Including South Willington.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes.....				
CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.		Church	School.....	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions...	Woman's Home Missions	Woman's Foreign Missions	Young People's Benevolence	Bible and Publication Society.....	Ministerial Education.....	Minister's and Widow's Fund and Home.....	Support of Church Poor.....	Other Objects.....	Sunday School Benevolence.....	Total Benevolence..
Andover.....	\$ 627 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 3 75	\$ 10 95	\$ 4 00	\$ 9 70	\$ 10 95	\$ 19 00	\$ 3 76	\$ 2 15	\$ 2 25	\$ 53 90	\$ 4 80	\$ 25 50	\$ 4 80
Brooklyn.....	840 00	18 15	8 00	7 10	9 00	4 00	7 35	40 00	36 00	8 76	2 25	2 25	53 90	25 50	379 05	74 61
Danielson.....	1,825 22	80 00	43 95	47 86	30 90	71 35	40 00	4 50	36 00	3 76	3 30	3 30	53 90	41 92	30 00	379 05
Eastford.....	472 00	18 00	20 00	9 50	8 25	13 25	14 50	100 00	141 07	8 00	3 30	3 30	53 90	325 00	38 75	45 75
East Killingly.....	2,079 50	19 00	30 70	4 00	12 62	13 25	14 50	100 00	141 07	8 00	3 30	3 30	53 90	325 00	38 75	45 75
Mansfield.....	2,398 87	121 80	185 40	116 52	123 30	110 00	100 00	100 00	141 07	8 00	3 30	3 30	53 90	325 00	38 75	45 75
Pattam, First.....	135 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Pattam, Calvary.....	260 00	17 66	17 50	22 50	25 50	20 00	21 00	23 00	7 00	8 15	8 15	8 15	8 15	14 00	11 50	11 50
Sharon.....	300 00	10 00	11 35	13 85	17 55	10 00	11 00	11 00	7 00	8 15	8 15	8 15	8 15	14 00	11 50	11 50
Thompson, Central.....	604 00	40 00	11 35	13 85	17 55	10 00	11 00	11 00	7 00	8 15	8 15	8 15	8 15	14 00	11 50	11 50
Thompson, East.....	301 00	10 00	11 35	13 85	17 55	10 00	11 00	11 00	7 00	8 15	8 15	8 15	8 15	14 00	11 50	11 50
Tolland.....	341 52	18 03	3 54	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50
Warrenville.....	212 00	3 40	3 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Westford.....	2,741 25	103 27	25 00	69 50	95 00	37 20	13 00	13 00	14 32	14 32	14 32	14 32	14 32	14 32	14 32	14 32
Williamatic.....	280 00	12 87	14 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Williamatic, First.....	280 77	12 87	14 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Woodstock, South.....	201 00	7 96	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Total.....	\$12,384 49	\$531 17	\$946 00	\$910 11	\$377 84	\$302 85	\$306 71	\$229 07	\$ 54 48	\$56 47	\$182 49	\$204 92	\$146 70	\$2,906 63	\$15,822 35	\$15,822 35
Last Year.....	\$11,728 77	\$569 56	\$377 85	\$390 13	\$367 06	\$221 59	\$212 75	\$112 55	\$12 55	\$168 39	\$42 98	\$75 64	\$25 794	\$15,588 58	\$5,083 77	\$15,412 16

* Estimated.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized....	Pastors and Date of Settlement	Clerks.	Increase.		Decrease.		Loss Gain.	Present Condition.	Sunday Sch'ls.			Value of Church Property free of debt.....				
				Baptism	Letter	Exclusion	Restoration			Letter	Erasure	Experience		Death			
				Men.		Women.		Total Enrol'd.			Total Enrolled..						
Bridgeport, First.....	1837	G. W. Nicholson,	'84 James A. Wilson.	162	3	1	9	2	7	34	422	838	174	158	92,000		
" German.....	1887	John H. Myers,	'94 Herman Liefeld.	2	1	1	1	12	10	31	9	81	9	41	35,000		
" Methodist.....	1880	Wm. C. Adams,	'88 B. R. Williams.	1	3	6	5	2	4	2	75	22	42	150	125,000		
" Swedish.....	1888	W. N. Morton.	'94 C. H. Chelander.	24	11	6	8	5	5	168	24	65	30	1	7,000		
" E. Wash. Ave. 1874	1882	Wilhelm Johanson,*	James N. Booth.	4	2	1	2	12	13	1	24	57	139	275	156	4,000	
Danbury, First.....	No report.			22	2	1	139	275	156	4	22	22	22	22	1,000		
Easton, Second.....	1790	A. C. Hubbard, D. D.,	'68 Matthew L. Barber.	27	3	2	7	2	3	13	5	564	450	200	18	103,000	
Easton, Third.....	1831	W. M. Weeks,	'84 E. S. Gillette.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	49	49	49	14,200		
New Canaan, First.....	1820	F. D. Laddington,	'82 Geo. A. Weed.	4	1	1	1	1	1	9	5	12	37	64	25	3,500	
Norwalk, Second.....	1827	F. E. Robbins,	'91 M. W. Sullivan.	29	8	1	9	3	4	6	96	109	58	7	41,500		
" Calvary.....	1891	J. W. Hill,	'95 C. D. Flood.	1	2	1	1	2	1	4	35	8	37	45	3	15,000	
Roxbury.....	1803	F. Atkinson,	'95 A. F. Hathaway.	6	1	1	2	1	1	5	48	17	31	73	55	2	44,500
South Norwalk.....	1859	R. O. Sherwood,	'93 H. M. Prowitt.	14	8	2	8	1	5	10	298	210	136	10	40,000		
Stamford.....	1773	Charles L. Rhodes,	'92 E. S. Waterbury.	6	7	13	6	6	6	439	49	49	49	49	10,000		
Union.....	1848	W. G. Harris,	'92 W. Stoker.	3	3	1	1	2	6	52	9	24	46	32	1,700		
Stepney.....	1848	W. H. Wilson.	'93 Isaac B. Wilson.	3	3	1	1	3	1	104	104	47	30	47	30	44,800	
Stratford.....	1751	Moses Taylor,	'93 Edward Williams.	5	1	2	3	1	1	43	43	28	46	3	45	3	45,000
White Hills.....	1888	G. W. Sauer,	'95 George W. Drew.	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	31	64	40	40	2,000		
Totals.....		Churches.....	21	181	45	94	22	17	33	24	48	93	3,264	2,485	1,353	73	438,950
Last Year.....		Churches.....	21	17	173	92	29	79	48	926	112	3,221	2,705	1,519	19	326,900	

* Including Parsonage.

* In this estimate the debts on church property are not deducted. If deducted, the total would be from \$80,000 to \$70,000 less.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.											Money Raised for all Purposes		
	Church	School	State Missions.....	Home Missions....	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions	Woman's Foreign Missions	Young People's Benevolence...	Bible and Publica- tion Society....	Ministerial Educa- tion,	Ministers' & Wid- ows' Fund and Home.....	Support of Church Poor.....	Other Objects.....	Sunday School Benevolence....	Total Benevolence.	
Bridgeport 1st..	\$24,272 67 8	163 60 8	77 10 8	126 64	160 61	\$112 4	\$148 45 8	8	8	8 63 85	\$41 85	241 85	112 04	36 20	\$1,079 03	\$24,488 38
" German.....	4575 40	77 38	4 90	4 11	2 75	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	17 00	14 58	45 20	1,550 70
" Minneapolis..	1,225 40	30 00	10 00									3 00	25 73		38 75	1,682 75
" Swedish....	1,066 07							15 00	15 00			217 43	52 28		315 08	1,411 75
" Wash. Ave.	2,175 00	124 54	58 14	60 34	68 00	50 00		4 64	51 03	11 00		72 46		9 10	710 05	3,000 19
Danbury, 1st..																
" 2nd.....	6,500 00	261 17	13 80	09 90	57 00	34 85	33 90		6 05	8 05	31 36	54 40	51 41		395 82	7,156 49
Easton.....	800 00	13 89	7 00	7 00	8 00	11 50	11 50				8 00			3 54	56 34	870 17
New Canaan..	221 00	1 00			6 00	2 50			5 00		3 00			1 00	82 50	443 00
New Milford..	7857 32	51 79	20 00	12 00		10 30	29 00				25 10	10 50	32 44	10 00	293 14	9,385 27
Norwalk.....	2,050 00	34 34	2 00			75 00	70 00					8 00	5 00		21 00	475 00
" Calvary....	450 00	5 00	2 00	3 00				2 00				4 75	2 84	15 00	22 50	831 04
Roxbury.....	808 45															
S. Norwalk...	44,256 00	240 40	25 76	47 22	44 06	57 00	50 00	45 00	30 25	30 00	30 00	50 75	20 00		399 67	4,902 16
Stamford, 1st.	18,776 70	336 03	100 00	64 89	190 00	211 08	255 52	160 19	19 35			468 75	601 71	205 85	2,946 88	11,459 61
" Union.....	4918 84	10 00			1 00							10 00			13 00	931 84
Stepney.....	9750 00	930 00				11 00	31 05								12 00	613 55
Stratford.....	800 00	39 20	12 14	12 14	10 13	21 25	31 53					17 03			10 52	943 55
White Hills..	4200 00		2 00	3 00						25	25		2 75	1 00	5 00	265 00
Totals.....	\$54,970 00	\$14,563 38	\$890 80	\$406 43	\$53 89	\$018 23	\$064 77	\$235 72	\$5 04	\$89 58	\$185 16	\$1,230 42	\$85 10	\$336 48	\$6,348 58	\$62,401 01
Last year...	\$46,047 86	\$1,803 77	\$430 42	\$462 74	\$20 27	\$400 81	\$095 18	\$216 59	\$9 20	\$0 57	\$0 59	\$21,245 07	\$1,059 41	\$403 27	\$5,590 12	\$52,045 75

* Estimated.

† Including building, repairs, &c.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Org ⁿ ized	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.			Loss Gain.....	Present Condition.			Sunday Sch ^l .			Value of Church Property Free of Debt.....
				Baptism ...	Restoration, Experience, Letter.....	Letter.....	Erasure ...	Exclusion ...	Death		Total En- rolled....	Men..	Wom.	Total En- rolled....	Average At- tendance..	Ad. to Ch'h.	
Bartam	1850		Edgar F. Wedge.....			24 24	3	1	1	6	70	15	87	45	31		\$42,500
Bloomfield	1850	T. G. Wright, S. S.	92 Jones Clarke.....								44	10	20	40	28		\$6,000
Bristol	1791	John S. Lyon.	94 Roswell Atkins.....	19	3	12	1	7	2	2	350	87	213	105	138	15	\$25,000
Colebrook, North	1799	G. W. Remington,	87 Orrin W. Oles.....								25	4	13	450	130		2,000
Conwall, East	1848	G. W. Remington,	87 John A. Moore.....								49	16	15	37	20		2,000
Conwall, East	1787		H. G. Dean.....								32	4	15	30	20		\$2,000
Hartford, Hollow	1845		Lewis Chipman.....								62	15	13	100	20		\$10,000
Hartford, Fishum Ave.	1872	Geo. M. Stone, D. D.,	79 George H. Burdick.....	14	12	4	1	9	8	8	625	183	437	673	952	8	\$100,000
"	1852	Geo. M. Stone, D. D.,	C. G. Clark and.....	9	14	1	6	3	1	13	234	184	133	264	152	9	15,000
"	1854	H. M. Thompson,	88 A. O. Dole.....	29	2	5	11	5	12	8	582	182	310	308	172	25	77,500
"	1854	Frank Dixon,	93 J. J. Shepard.....	2	9	5	3	5	8	8	56	22	34	30	15		2,500
"	1888	Nils Ek,	93 John Erikson.....	12	230	5	2	7	1	43	178	453	71	85	15		2,500
"	1890	G. W. Tyler,	94 J. R. Thompson.....	10	1	9	1	3	2	19	139	25	56	66	40		1,400
"	1890	G. W. Tyler,	91 E. R. Jones.....	47	10	3	37	9	1	48	100	84	178	263	93	45	\$5,000
New Britain, First	1866	G. F. Smith.....	89 W. F. Fernald.....	1	2	5	1	4	5	5	80	39	41	41	120		6,600
"	1866	G. F. Smith.....	91 Edward Peterson.....	1	2	5	1	4	5	5	80	39	41	41	120		6,600
"	1859		James E. Stanley.....	10	1	5	2	1	5	5	72	21	39	83	140	5	\$5,800
New Hartford	1859		James E. Stanley.....	7	1	3					432	110	420				\$7,000
Plainville	1875		George J. Merwin.....	1	2						82	22	60	140	490		8,500
Rainbow	1875		35 Levi Leonard.....	1	2						55	17	18	62	39		\$10,000
Rockville	1821	A. P. Wedge,	90 Henry Holman.....	1	2						39	10	20	30	40		\$10,000
South Windsor	1821	Harvey Linsley,	90 Henry Holman.....	1	2						439	131	175	225	100		\$24,500
Sturbridge, South	1826	G. F. Gunning,	10 N. N. Kling.....	1	2	4	1	20	1	16	55	17	18	62	39		\$10,000
Tariffville	1826	G. F. Gunning,	10 N. N. Kling.....	1	2	4	1	20	1	16	439	131	175	225	100		\$24,500
West Hartford	1826	G. W. Hervey,	93 J. A. Allison.....	1	2	4	1	20	1	16	55	17	18	62	39		\$10,000
West Hartford	1826	W. R. Bartlett,	94 A. B. Elmer.....	1	2	4	1	20	1	16	40	10	20	30	40		\$6,000
Wethersfield	1782	C. A. Pladdock (supply).	94 C. H. Lankton.....	4	10	1	3	1	3	3	55	17	22	100	35		\$8,000
Winsted	1890	A. W. Clark,	91 M. N. Griswold.....	4	10	1	3	1	3	3	148	40	95	200	96	8	6,500
Totals, Churches, 28		Pastors,	20	175	8356	1984	75	197	98		4,460	1,393	3,166	3,085	1,890	116	\$ 474,800
Last Year, Churches, 28		Pastors,	21	176	130	11	6	76	14	5	50,972	4,508					\$ 3,859,191,107 \$ 469,800

* including Parsonage.

† Estimates.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for All Purposes.....	
	Church	School	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis'sns.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's For- eign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence..	Bible and Pub- lication Soc'y.	Ministerial Edu- cation.....	Ministers' and Widows' F'nd and Home.....	Support of Ch'h Poor.....	Other Objects..	S. School Be- nevolence	Total Benevo- lence.....	
Bantam.....	\$ 203 00	\$ 20 48	\$ 2 00	\$ 9 85	\$ 25 25	\$ 7 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 34 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 293 48
Bloomfield.....	433 21	16 50	45 00	205 00	27 25	40 00	60 00	34 00	8 00	16 00	1 00	47 96	41 00	20 00	107 35	547 06
Bristol, N. H.....	850 00	25 00	1 00	25 00	2 00	40 00	60 00	34 00	8 00	16 00	1 00	47 96	41 00	20 00	297 96	6,389 53
Colerick, N. H.....	161 00	8 50	3 02	3 40	3 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 35	189 80
Colerick, S. H.....	165 00	10 05	9 00	5 00	6 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 35	175 01
Cornwall, East.....	58 75	9 00	5 00	5 00	6 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 35	92 56
" Hollow.....	4,322 90	177 08	137 00	167 86	205 00	86 00	88 00	57 00	74 00	45 82	63 00	63 00	25 00	20 00	988 18	5,467 26
Hfd. Ass'n May.....	6,249 71	403 95	110 58	86 50	251 50	35 48	12 17	11 00	130 00	10 00	369 90	723 13	187 00	10 00	1,984 01	8,698 27
" Memorial.....	2,689 25	226 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	35 48	12 17	11 00	20 00	8 75	80 65	140 00	10 00	10 00	367 05	2,692 36
" North.....	657 00	365 84	87 84	100 51	164 03	76 84	84 75	15 00	82 04	10 00	147 44	174 35	38 51	10 00	951 81	7,462 35
" South.....	146 71	10 15	10 00	10 00	10 15	10 15	10 15	10 15	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 12	7,462 35
" Union.....	1,062 00	50 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	21 00	21 00	21 00	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	1,082 00
" Shiloh.....	4,680 00	202 80	136 50	59 07	151 52	37 83	94 11	47 80	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	20 71	5,700 81
N. Britain, 1st.....	718 21	57 80	6 88	52 20	28 93	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	869 49
" Sweden.....	679 69	19 80	13 02	23 48	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	306 00	306 00	306 00	306 00	306 00	306 00	306 00	1,120 35
New Hartford.....	574 75	88 78	5 75	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	4 70	4 70	4 70	4 70	4 70	4 70	4 70	683 30
Plymouth.....	732 00	53 77	20 65	24 00	23 50	17 00	25 00	10 75	7 68	7 68	7 68	7 68	7 68	7 68	7 68	963 36
Rochville.....	1,132 00	18 00	8 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1,160 00
S. W. Windsor.....	754 00	20 00	15 08	21 00	25 00	12 00	12 00	9 00	22 60	22 60	22 60	22 60	22 60	22 60	22 60	800 70
Sunfield, 1st.....	701 50	30 00	9 00	30 00	30 00	12 00	12 00	9 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	730 65
" 2d.....	4,354 82	191 89	30 84	147 97	202 11	145 34	145 46	9 00	25 72	25 72	25 72	25 72	25 72	25 72	25 72	4,646 09
Tariffville.....	601 00	31 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	613 00
W. Hartford.....	508 85	8 00	2 21	2 00	2 00	5 00	10 00	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	527 04
Windsor.....	1,172 30	40 45	10 00	10 00	10 00	19 50	19 50	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	1,253 81
Windsor.....	1,178 35	40 45	10 00	10 00	10 00	19 50	19 50	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	1,260 15
Totals.....	\$46,904 88	\$2,289 25	\$799 96	\$798 23	\$1,107 62	\$62 40	\$54 90	\$191 09	\$150 35	\$290 50	\$77 07	\$1,123 01	\$1,594 35	\$485 27	\$8,026 98	\$57,196 85
Last Year	\$43,788 28	\$1,976 61	\$935 36	\$716 00	\$770 00	\$57 57	\$55 06	\$458 94	\$157 08	\$373 56	\$72 54	\$1,246 20	\$1,102 98	\$724 82	\$8,240 71	\$54,005 60

* These collections not complete and not recorded.

* Including repairs, &c.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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Including Parsonage.

* Including Missions.

& Estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										MONEY RAISED FOR ALL PUR- POSES.....			
	Church	School	State Missions	Home Mis- sions.....	Foreign Mis- sions.....	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young Peo- ple's Bene- volence.	Bible and Publication Society..	Ministerial Educa- tion.....	Ministers' & Widows' Fund & Home	Support of Church Poor.....	Other Ob- jects.....	Sunday School Be- nevolence	Total Benevo- lence.....	
Ansonia, First..	\$42,307 52	\$340 25	70 00	41 02	60 00	48 00	63 65	40 68	16 75	8 00	6 00	59 13	10 00		428 82	\$3,971 60
" " Macedo's	1,795 73	53 50	33 80	34 50	61 00	9 15	22 02	30 00				11 00	17 74		395 74	877 97
Brantford.....	902 00	138 50					30 00	35 00					25 00	32 00	235 92	1,279 42
Chester.....	2,132 06	177 90	12 00	38 00	13 50	9 15	20 00	35 00				11 50		13 50	80 15	2,319 71
Clinton.....	1,132 06	18 90	12 00	38 00	13 50	9 15	20 00	35 00						23 85	91 74	1,908 26
Croton.....	4,965 50	18 90	12 00	38 00	13 50	9 15	20 00	35 00							60 92	1,032 42
Deep River.....	1,536 07	77 22	84 13	114 13	96 82	28 00	34 00	60 00	42 85	20 50	20 50	38 34		40 14	475 01	2,406 20
Essex.....	41,620 34	68 05	75 00	41 54	80 22	30 00	46 00	60 00						36 87	475 81	2,406 20
Haddam.....	4,700 00	5 00														705 00
Meriden, First..	4,839 75	*366 77	234 27	219 38	322 72	269 30	248 75	138 19	37 37	\$125 00	80 00	452 02	499 75	*260 64	*2,317 83	8,133 85
Meriden, Germ'n	1,807 21	60 00	30 50	30 50	31 00	5 00	5 00	85 00		15 36	3 25	39 00	98 21	8 00	1,032 35	1,039 56
Meriden, Unit St	4,005 80	182 00	15 00	30 00	50 00	59 05	88 07	95 00		4 00				70 00	1,492 58	7,550 47
Middletown.....	1,210 00	182 00	15 00	30 00	50 00	59 05	88 07	95 00	6 72	23 00	5 60	92 06	48 00	37 29	1,533 82	2,833 56
Montrose.....	532 00	60 25	13 00	13 75	18 50	25 33	37 00	37 00						37 29	1,533 82	2,833 56
N. H. Calvary.....	6,510 00	503 74	222 50	423 29	785 00	673 02	164 05	321 05	119 52	37 00	37 00	301 52	3,216 80	261 00	6,106 36	13,201 10
N. H. Grand Av.	5,110 00	*123 02	411 50	745 00	474 80	87 75	251 15	15 00	5 50	72 00		550 00	7,171 00	329 16	10,100 42	13,201 10
N. H. German.....	*1,805 00		30 00	87 50	27 25	50 00	15 00		5 50	72 00		44 25	224 08	18 50	546 18	2,534 40
N. H. Grand Av.	72,351 11	230 02	31 85	30 00	45 00	23 00	27 34	18 38	9 48	20 00		41 64	168 40	18 50	442 30	3,009 43
N. Haven, Hope	1,456 28	115 70	65 00	36 39	114 16	330 43	90 00	211 88				100 70	430 41		1,378 27	2,909 31
N. H. Howard Av	1,561 00	50 05	65 00	29 75	32 30	18 00	18 25		15 00	10 00		22 46	127 90	80 53	330 79	1,607 84
N. H. Immanuel	1,712 73		30 00	30 00	5 00		18 25								37 48	1,770 21
N. H. Olivet.....	4774 81	33 00		5 00												870 61
N. Haven, Swede																1,228 50
Plantsville.....	11,209 50		5 00	3 00	9 55					2 50		5 00	12 30	33 00	62 80	1,228 50
Saybrook.....	405 50	4 64	6 45	3 00	9 50	2 50	2 50	1 50	4 06						19 00	1,228 50
Shelton.....	807 77	93 79	5 09	9 07	8 50	0 47	46 80	39 75	8 27	5 02	2 75	12 22	7 46	7 14	30 82	1,088 74
Shelton.....	1,608 00	285 57	12 39	92 65	123 35	104 40	81 80	69 00	14 00	33 00		57 05	69 00	139 90	681 50	2,570 87
Wallingford.....	43,304 25	146 92	57 00	29 65	138 05	51 82	54 75	7 50	13 54	21 07		53 87	97 07	45 00	1,453 82	4,083 34
Waterbury, 1st.	40,830 04	327 26	100 00	55 32	121 80	46 50	42 00		13 28						62 36	9,052 75
Waterbury, 2d.	48,830 04	105 49													30 00	307 84
Waterbury, Ger.	294 4	73 00														307 84
Yalesville.....	1,079 88	107 11	2 75	15 94	25 00								15 00	15 30	73 99	1,390 68
Totals.....	\$73,357 17	3,801 86	1,550 26	2,933 07	2,715 42	1,087 61	1,301 43	716 86	156 77	602 30	213 64	1,925 37	14,173 17	1,780 90	29,265 98	104,555 03
Totals last year.	\$94,038 81	\$4,021 70	\$2,535 94	\$2,790 95	\$2,312 18	\$1,532 46	\$1,311 35	\$293 35	\$390 77	\$554 00	\$416 16	\$2,317 83	\$5,163 16	\$1,582 42	\$29,399 21	\$80,335 25

† Including missions.

‡ Including income or repairs.

*Including missions.

†Including interest or repairs.

‡ But recently organized.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.....	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.		Decrease.		Loss.		Present Condition.		Sunday Sc.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.....	
				Baptism	Letter	Experience	Restoration	Letter	Erasure	Exclusion	Death	Total Enrolled.....	Average Attendance	Added to Church...	
												Men.....	Women.....		
Borah, Ind.....	1831	E. Cornel	'95 Lewis Ford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	415	420	\$
Bozrah, Conn.....	1834 (N. Report.)	.....	'95 Jonathan Allen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Colchester.....	1834	R. E. Burman,	'91 W. F. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Fitchville.....	1837	R. E. Turner	'94 J. E. Hummels.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Haddam, East.....	1810	Jabez Marshall,	A. L. L. Gamkins.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Lake's Pond.....	1842	.....	'92 A. L. Babcock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Lebanon.....	1805	R. E. Turner,	'94 L. E. Watrous.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Lyme, East.....	1769	H. E. Martin,	'87 C. S. Jewett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
North.....	1804	J. G. Ward,	'89 F. J. Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Orford.....	1804	.....	'89 F. J. Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Monkville Union.....	1842	Wm. S. Stowell,	'95 Charles H. Ames.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Niantic.....	1842	Wm. P. McGuire,	'93 E. E. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
New London, First.....	1804	F. G. McKeever,	'93 H. C. Fuller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Huntington St.....	1846	J. R. Stubbart,	'95 Mary F. Johnson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Shiloh.....	1846	J. L. Crocker,	'91 Geo. A. Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Nowitch.....	1805	T. D. Herr, D.,	'89 J. F. Starkweather.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Central.....	1804	.....	'91 Geo. A. Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Third.....	1845	A. S. Brown,	'93 P. S. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Mt. Calvary.....	1871	N. A. Marriott,	'93 P. S. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Salem.....	1767	T. J. Siegfried,	'93 Chas. F. Brown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Scott Hill.....	1780	T. J. Siegfried,	'92 Earl W. Darrow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Watford, First.....	1710	H. M. Wolf, Jr.,	'93 Mrs. J. W. Starr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
" Second.....	1885	J. Chester Hyle,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	415	420	\$
Totals, Churches.....	33	Pastors.....	18	110,732	2,659	10,46	15,405	1347	1089	3490	1675	77	8	194,065	
Totals last year, Churches.....	32	Pastors.....	18	310,742	7,001	27,265	4088	15,405	1347	1089	3490	1675	77	8	194,065

† Estimated on basis of those who reported.

* Including Parsonage.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for All Purposes.....				
	Church.....	School.....	State Missions.....	Home Missions....	Foreign Missions...	Woman's Home Missions.....	Woman's Foreign Missions.....	Young People's Bene- volence.....	Bible and Publica- tion Society.....	Ministerial Educat'n	Ministers' and Wid- ows' Fund and Home.....	Support of Church Poor.....		Other Objects.....	S. School Benevo- lence.....	Total Benevolence..	
Borah.....	\$ 521 50	\$ 7 15														\$ 16 50	\$ 84 35
Busterfield.....	339 75	43 33		\$8 50												35 00	715 00
Chillicothe.....	623 00	58 00	\$ 10 00	7 00	\$ 10 00				\$ 5 00							30 00	715 00
Haddam East.....	51 00															30 00	81 00
Lake's Pond.....	703 00	24 00														64 20	701 20
Lyme East.....	802 00	12 00														35 50	849 50
" North.....	612 00	20 00	31 00	25 00	81 00	\$ 18 25	30 00	23 50	15 00	\$ 10 00	3 00	10 00		10 00	8 00	185 85	818 34
Monterville Union.....	1,044 00	65 50	14 00	2 00		25 00	7 00	11 60			2 50		20 00	10 25	32 00	52 00	672 08
Nearby.....	1,044 00	65 50	14 00	2 00		25 00	7 00	11 60			2 50		20 00	10 25	32 00	52 00	672 08
New London, First.....	3,998 58	153 75	47 00	3 47	100 71	80 01	37 50	79 00	88 71	44 30	427 98	266 47	137 15	15 05	22 00	1,698 59	11,054 37
" Huntington St.....	2,905 00	201 68	17 00	26 08	51 82	142 02	53 80	247 52	11 00	20 00	14 10	42 42				40 00	8,070 49
" Shiloh.....	415 00	27 00	1 00	100 00	100 00	104 20	78 08	71 63	35 00	75 00	50 00	238 55	668 16	162 95	1,774 25	5,118 82	8,070 49
Norwich Central.....	6,095 20	258 01	100 00	100 00	100 00	104 20	78 08	71 63	35 00	75 00	50 00	238 55	668 16	162 95	1,774 25	5,118 82	8,070 49
" First.....	2,905 00	197 02	25 00		17 17	40 75	25 00	61 00	10 17	5 00	10 17	16 05	143 50	20 50	333 99	8,026 01	11,940 01
" Third.....	701 50	20 00														8 26	450 26
" Mt. Calvary.....	233 50	9 20				6 00	3 00	3 00								8 26	450 26
Salem.....	65 25	1 30														1,774 25	8,026 01
Scott Hill.....	1,822 00	125 00	11 75	25 00	17 50	10 00	10 00	91 00								48 01	749 51
Waterford, First.....	728 63	42 23	18 95	14 08	10 11	15 65	23 81	8 50	5 00							14 00	74 45
" Second.....																2,240 51	888 00
Totals.....	\$35,519 10	\$1,235 99	\$246 45	\$494 04	\$563 45	\$430 80	\$335 30	\$327 01	\$146 20	\$154 84	\$180 70	\$352 18	\$1,928 03	\$305 73	\$ 5,400 85	\$32,076 07	
Last Year.....	\$29,049 79	\$1,103 75	\$346 22	\$399 04	\$599 80	\$305 84	\$318 48	\$414 51	\$150 05	\$164 42	\$193 84	\$362 85	\$11 72	\$230 25	\$ 4,666 94	\$31,510 47	

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

When Organized...	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Churches.	Increase.					Decrease.			Loss.	Gain.	Present Condition.	Sunday School.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.	
			Baptism...	Letter...	Restoration Experience...	Erasure...	Exclusion...	Death...	Total Enroll'd	Resid'g Mem'bs.				Added to Ch'rch	Average Attendance...		Total Enrolled...
Groton, First..	1795	Stinson Gadup...	2	0	2	3	0	5	6	207	45	157	80	\$8,200			
Groton (Second)..	1801	W. E. Miller...	59	1	0	8	0	0	247	487	159	253	13,000				
Groton City...	1840	W. Payne...	0	0	0	8	0	7	187	39	94	219	4	\$1,500			
Lebanon...	1843	J. H. Phillips...	0	0	0	1	0	0	25	7	5	0	500				
Marsden Union..	1795	Arch'd Wheaton...	3	7	0	3	0	21	19	641	168	342	313	2			
Noank...	1843	Wm. C. Martin...	10	8	1	6	1	6	380	128	184	314	317	2			
North Stonington, First..	1741	H. L. Harrington...	9	2	1	2	0	3	7	182	40	432	51	6			
North Stonington, Second..	1765	Elmer E. Coon...	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	98	45	111	58	1			
North Stonington, Third..	1828	H. F. York...	9	2	2	10	4	1	5	30	40	74	35	5,000			
Packville...	1828	A. W. Robinson...	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	101	46	149	87	6			
Packville, Union..	1828	Wm. L. Thompson...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000				
Packville, Second..	1826	N. T. Allen...	1	4	1	1	1	16	1	105	421	115	46	8,700			
Packville, Bridge...	1826	S. T. Morgan...	14	4	0	0	0	0	3	182	393	120	43	3,400			
Packville, City...	1821	J. S. Cranston...	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	18	38	61	25	3,500			
Steele...	1818	S. P. Green...	1	1	4	8	1	8	0	909	77	146	107	1,500			
Stonington, First..	1776	Henry Clarke...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500				
Stonington, Second..	1846	Wm. J. Wadley...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500				
Stonington, Third..	1846	Wm. J. Wadley...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500				
Voluntown...	1822	E. Dewhurst...	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	164	30	103	40	6,900			
TOTALS, Churches, 17		Pastors, 12,	110	33	6	1	38	5	2	75	30	3,253	812	14,008	\$148,850		
Last Year, 17		Pastors, 14,	147	46	7	65	10	46	79	3,222	2,344	1,151	126	\$149,150			
			* Including Mission.														
SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.																	
Churches, 18	Pastors, 18	12	81	28	13	9	37	41	2	45	5	2,120	466	913	1,534	\$21,450	
Ashford...	21	"	18	145	94	22	18	39	24	48	93	3,264	1,979	1,905	2,585	573,800	
Fairfield...	28	"	24	175	89	56	10	84	75	18	67	4,400	1,894	3,616	3,068	3,781,800	
Hard...	33	"	30	304	207	95	6,934	34	23	98	186	1,733	1,247	1,088	555,564		
New Haven...	23	"	18	110	70	22	12	65	40	10	0	4,633	1,217	1,088	194,055		
New London...	17	"	12	110	58	6	1	58	2	75	30	3,253	812	1,498	1,192	148,850	
TOTALS, Churches, 18		Pastors, 140	114	925	508	154	65	905	278	80	397	24,860	708	11,452	20,321	\$1,908,669	
Last year...		137	113	1,321	575	133	35	537	194	44	321	24,135	19,407	10,912	777	\$1,847,865	
* A discrepancy of 146.																	
† Estimated.																	

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes....			
	Church.....	School.....	State Missions	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss- ions.....	Woman's Home Miss'ns	Woman's Foreign Miss.	Young Peo- ple's Benev- olence.....	Bible and Pub. Society.....	Ministerial Education..	Ministers and Wid's fund and Home..	Support of Church Poor		Other Objects	Sunday School Benevolence	Total Benevo- lence.....
Groton, First....	\$ 1,711 28	\$ 432 47	\$ 15 85	\$ 14 15	\$ 14 15	\$ 13 80	\$ 12 00	\$ 3	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 8 10	\$ 76 70	\$ 76 70	\$ 1,830 35	
Groton Heights....	1,436 97	213 15	13 84	26 45	36 87	12 57	45 00	42 91	5 65	6 00	5 00	102 30	120 07	120 07	1,696 82	
Groton City....	1,136 97	158 15	41 12	26 45	36 87	1 00	1 00	42 91	5 65	6 00	5 00	102 30	415 09	415 09	1,710 21	
Ledyard.....	50	50													2 50	
Mystic Union....	2,018 00	206 31	35 62	29 70	177 00	64 00	64 00	17 40	45 00	20 00	93 50	59 00	540 22	540 22	3,864 53	
N. Stonington, 1st	1,454 00	468 50		55 00	30 00	10 00	40 00	70 30	2 84			35 00	305 30	305 30	2,227 80	
N. Stonington, 2d	629 74	17 16				5 00							7 84	7 84	654 74	
N. Stonington, 3d	1 00	9 33											10 33	10 33	10 33	
P. Stonington, 1st	758 23	15 85	12 00	13 50	13 50	9 75	9 75	30 30	9 91			3 00	33 00	33 00	736 24	
Plainfield, Union	900 00	50 00	8 25	11 50	18 00	18 90	36 12	7 58				52 00	222 35	222 35	1,172 35	
Pocomoonie B'ge	412 00	48 87	10 00	11 00	11 00	10 00	10 00					30 00	31 00	31 00	491 87	
Preston City....	550 00	50 00	9 36	10 00	10 00	5 38	5 38						50 12	50 12	650 12	
Sterling.....	550 00	15 00	3 50	2 00	2 50	6 10	6 10	10 55		1 00			15 10	15 10	580 10	
Stonington, 1st.	1,825 79	163 70	127 00	104 14	136 41	130 08	58 00	10 55		12 50		37 50	622 18	622 18	2,611 67	
Stonington, 3d.	915 51												2 00	2 00	917 51	
Voluntown	762 00	33 00	6 00	6 50	5 00	10 50	6 50	24 00	4 00				64 50	64 50	859 50	
TOTALS.....	\$ 15,996 61	\$ 1,516 46	\$ 277 38	\$ 280 30	\$ 467 04	\$ 411 40	\$ 388 38	\$ 190 04	\$ 67 40	\$ 44 50	\$ 9 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 324 40	\$ 70 00	\$ 22,587 64	\$ 30,100 71
Last Year.....	\$ 15,025 84	\$ 1,148 57	\$ 460 71	\$ 289 81	\$ 378 15	\$ 483 20	\$ 284 04	\$ 206 34	\$ 71 06	\$ 102 50	\$ 11 00	\$ 198 41	\$ 224 77	\$ 112 00	\$ 22,732 55	\$ 18,997 00

* The benevolences of the Schools are included in these expenses.

SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Ashford.....	\$ 12,284 45	\$ 531 17	\$ 346 00	\$ 310 11	\$ 377 84	\$ 302 85	\$ 300 71	\$ 229 07	\$ 54 43	\$ 56 47	\$ 182 49	\$ 604 92	\$ 145 76	\$ 2,906 65	\$ 15,622 25	
Barfield.....	54,970 00	1,593 38	356 80	406 43	552 89	615 23	664 71	335 72	55 04	89 58	185 16	1,230 42	885 19	355 49	5,075 05	62,940 00
Brookfield.....	2,289 33	1,759 36	1,599 30	1,076 03	1,802 45	1,364 90	1,011 90	731 50	31 91	720 50	77 07	1,123 01	1,304 35	485 27	8,082 68	57,229 56
Brookfield.....	2,289 33	1,759 36	1,599 30	1,076 03	1,802 45	1,364 90	1,011 90	731 50	31 91	720 50	77 07	1,123 01	1,304 35	485 27	8,082 68	57,229 56
New London....	15,096 61	1,516 46	277 88	280 30	467 04	411 40	388 38	199 04	67 40	44 50	9 00	213 00	224 40	70 00	2,601 79	20,114 86
Stonington.....	15,996 61	1,516 46	277 88	280 30	467 04	411 40	388 38	199 04	67 40	44 50	9 00	213 00	224 40	70 00	2,601 79	20,114 86
TOTALS.....	\$220,461 78	\$11,068 13	\$9,616 85	\$4,610 19	\$ 5,034 24	\$4,199 38	\$3,830 47	\$2,198 88	\$630 28	\$1,068 42	\$390 28	\$5,526 47	\$18,680 65	\$3,234 04	\$4,306 37	\$294,836 28
Last year.....	\$210,575 88	\$10,784 90	\$4,770 30	\$4,519 82	\$ 4,065 08	\$3,671 47	\$3,417 89	\$2,720 31	\$947 10	\$1,509 40	\$560 80	\$6,319 00	\$9,352 69	\$2,152 97	\$4,584 51	\$265,724 77

SUMMARY FOR 1877-1894.

CHURCHES.		HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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Total Membership		Death.....	Exclusion.....	Erasure.....	Letter.....	Restoration.....	Experience.....	Letter.....	Baptisms.....	Number of Churches.....	Pastors.....	Totals for All Objects.....	Average per Member.....	Total Benevolence.....	Other Objects.....	Bible and Publication Society.....	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.....	Woman's Home Mission Society.....	Contributions consolidated until 1885.....	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home.....	Foreign Missions.....	Home Missions.....	State Convention.....	Education Society.....	Home Expenses.....																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
1877	119	747,208	70,322,905,143	66,255,200,040	148							\$142,345.97	\$1,158,608	\$3,905.70	\$3,551.54	\$3,423.64	\$103.25																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								</

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford, in October, 1823. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles,		
1824	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day,		
1825	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,		
1826	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck,	
1827	Hartford,	Ashel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esek Brown,	
1828	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robbins,	B. M. Hill,	
1829	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robbins,	J. Cookson,	
1830	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robbins,	P. Brackett,	Rom. 12: 14.
1831	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60: 1.
1832	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	L. Kneeland,	Psalm 133: 1.
1833	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	A. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834	Hartford,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 43: 21.
1835	Middletown,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Luke 7: 38.
1837	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	B. Cook,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838	New London,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	Jude 3.
1839	New Haven,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840	Essex,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	T. C. Teasdale,	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Savage,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Num. 14: 8.
1847	Deep River,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	1 John 5: 19.
1848	Suffield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	Heb. 6: 10.
1849	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1850	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscocck,	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1851	Stonington,	E. T. Hiscocck,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Luke 24: 24.
1852	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Isa. 60: 3.
1853	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Murdock,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1854	Hartford,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Gal. 2: 20.
1855	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Acts 1: 8.
1856	Middletown,	W. S. Clapp,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Phil. 2: 15.
1857	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Psalm 130: 4.
1858	Southington,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1859	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1860	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	W. Fliz,	Isa. 42: 4.
1861	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1862	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	1 Cor. 1: 30.
1863	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	John 21: 4-6.
1864	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1865	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1866	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	L. H. Gilbert,	Rev. 5: 10.
1867	Mystic River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1868	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	Mark 1: 40-42.
1869	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1870	New Britain,	A. P. Buell,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1871	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	Eph. 1: 18.
1872	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1873	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	Prov. 4: 23.
1874	Putnam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Zech. 4: 6.
1875	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1876	Suffield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Matt. 16: 3.
1877	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. P. Emerson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1878	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1879	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	Jonah 3: 3.
1880	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1881	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R. Stubbart,	Luke 2: 32.
1882	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	Matt. 6: 10.
1883	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogson,	Isa. 54: 2.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Matt. 28: 20.
1885	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	John 8: 37.
1886	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	1 John 4: 16.
1887	New Britain,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. W. Lockhart,	Isa. 54: 2.
1888	Hartford,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. H. Taylor,	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1889	Putnam,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	P. G. Wightman,	Mark 17: 20.
1890	Middletown,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. R. Gow,	Heb. 6: 10.
1891	New Haven,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	W. G. Fennell,	Jonah 4: 10.
1892	Willimantic,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. S. James,	Jonah 3: 2.
1893	Danbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	H. M. Thompson,	Acts 10: 44.
1894	Norwich,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. B. Lemon,	
1895	Bridgeport,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. D. Herr, D. D.,	

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY.

ASHFORD.—The seventy-first anniversary was held with the Putnam church, Sept. 4 and 5, 1895. Mr. J. B. Bowen, Moderator; Rev. Leonard Smith, Clerk. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Leonard Smith. Text, Jere. 45:4; Theme, "The Sin of Selfishness." Rev. J. B. Lemon preached on Thursday. Text, Romans 15:30-32—"A Meditation on the Conduct of the Apostle Paul." The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held a joint meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, with addresses by Mrs. Dewhurst, Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. Wheaton and Mrs. Kent. Miss Ella Church of Japan spoke of her work. The various Missionary Societies were represented by their respective agents. Next meeting with Spring Hill Church 1st Wednesday in October, 1896. Preacher, Rev. S. A. Ives; Alternate, Rev. C. H. Brown.

FAIRFIELD.—The fifty-seventh Annual Meeting was held with the First Church, Stamford, Wednesday and Thursday, September 25th and 26th. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Rhoades, from Matthew vii:12. Rev. C. L. Rhoades was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. O. Sherwood, of South Norwalk, Clerk. Rev. F. E. Robbins preached the Missionary Sermon, II. Cor. iv:10. Wednesday evening was devoted to the interests of the Young People's Societies. Addresses were made in behalf of the various Missionary Societies by several brethren. Time of next meeting, fourth Wednesday in September; place, First Church, Norwalk; Preacher, Rev. F. D. Luddington; Alternate, Rev. R. O. Sherwood.

HARTFORD.—The one hundredth and seventh session of this Body was held with the Memorial Church, Hartford, Sept. 18th and 19th. Rev. H. E. Chapman of New Hartford was chosen Moderator, and Rev. W. R. Bartlett of West Hartford, Clerk. Pastor Chapman preached the Annual Sermon. Text, John iv:35. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies occupied the early hours of the afternoon. Following this, "The Layman's Idea of a Minister's Work," and "The Minister's Idea of a Layman's Work," were discussed by the brethren appointed. In the evening, Rev. Dr. Thomas of Newton spoke on "Baptist Testimony to Fundamental Truth." The Missionary Sermon was preached by Pastor F. P. Braman, Isai. lxi:1-3. Thursday evening was devoted to "The Work of the Young People." Place of next meeting to be appointed. Preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. Frank Dixon; of Missionary Sermon, Rev. J. S. Lyon.

NEW HAVEN.—The seventieth Anniversary was held with the Shelton Church, Oct. 2d and 3d. Rev. J. C. Breaker was Moderator, and Rev. J. A. Elder, Clerk. Rev. W. G. Fennell preached the Annual Sermon from I. Cor. xvii:24. The reading of the letters was interspersed by addresses on the work of the various Missionary Societies. Rev. C. E. Sage, Ph D., gave an address in the evening on "The Sunday School as a Field for the Exercise of Christian Graces." Various interesting topics were discussed by different pastors and laymen. A meeting of the Bible School Association was held. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies occupied parts of the two days. Time of next meeting, Oct. 7 and 8, 1896; place, Grand Ave. Church, New Haven; Preacher, Rev. E. W. Husted.

NEW LONDON.—The seventy-eighth Anniversary was held with the Huntington Street Church, New London, Sept. 11th and 12th. Rev. F. G. McKeever was elected Modera-

tor, and Rev. A. S. Stowell, Clerk. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. F. G. McKeever. Text, Ephesians iii :16. Rev. J. Chester Hyde preached the Missionary Sermon. Text, Acts xiii :2. A part of Wednesday evening was given to the interests of the Young People's Societies. Fourteen such societies were reported in the limits of the Association, aggregating 851 members. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies held meetings. Next meeting to be held with the First Church, Norwich, second Wednesday in September. Preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. J. C. Gavin; of Missionary Sermon, Rev. Jabez Marshall; Alternates, Rev. H. E. Martin and Rev. J. R. Stubbert.

STONINGTON UNION.—The one hundredth and twenty-third Anniversary was held with the Groton Heights Church, June 19-20. Moderator, Rev. John W. Payne; Clerk, Rev. E. Dewhurst. The Annual Sermon was preached by Pastor Dewhurst. Text, Romans xii :6-8. Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph. D., also preached. Text, Isai. xxx :7. The Woman's Missionary Societies held their meetings on Wednesday afternoon. Addresses were made by representatives of the different Missionary organizations. The session closed with the customary Conference Meeting, led by Rev. P. G. Wightman, for many years a pastor in the Association. Next meeting will be with the Union Mystic Church, June 10-11, 1896. Preacher, Rev. N. T. Allen; Alternate, Rev. C. Grant Savage. Preacher of Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. Henry Clarke.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American
Baptist Home Mission Society.

In bringing a report of the year's work in Connecticut, your representative would make mention of the skill and patience of Mrs. Emily Spencer, the retiring Vice-President, who so efficiently organized the work throughout the State. Each Association being furnished with a Director and Junior Director, who seemed well informed as to methods of procedure and alive to the best interests of the work.

In almost every instance the women of the Churches have increased their gifts. Our Juniors have called out the work of the young people, so that of the \$3,169.71 contributed to our treasury, one-third has been given by the young folks in bands, Sunday Schools and other Young People's organizations.

We have tried to impress our friends with the fact that our work being largely educational, and the salaries of sixty teachers coming due each month, there was great need of regular contributions to meet this steady demand; and it is encouraging to note several instances in which amounts small and large have been sent from the various departments in several churches—eight, seven, five, three and four times during the year. This plan, if generally followed, would keep the treasury supplied for all current demands. I would urge this upon all our leaders in all departments—get the work well started early in the year and keep it going. Especially would I urge Sunday School Superintendents to bring before their respective schools, the claims of the Alaskan work. The summer or early fall is a good time to remember Alaska, before the pressure and anxiety of winter, and the close of the year have a chance to crowd out all thought of our long time forgotten little sister.

The work of our Society has been presented at various times,

especially at our Associational gatherings, by Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McWhinnie, Miss Clarke and Miss Potter of Morning Star Mission, Miss Teft of Hartshorn, Mrs. G. W. Peckham, and the state workers; and at a day meeting at Bristol, in January, Mrs. Genung of Suffield and Mr. Hapgood of Hartford presented the claims of Mexico on our sympathies, prayers and substantial gifts.

In Associational work the leaders remain the same, except that a new Director has been secured for Stonington Union.

In the Ashford Association, Mrs. Preston carries on the work, not only prized as a leader but loved as a personal friend by many in her Churches. Two Union Meetings for Home and Foreign Missions have been held (in Willimantic and Warrenville) during the year. The amount given by the Ashford Circles is \$271.28; by Sunday Schools for Alaska, \$10.15; by Young People, \$35.60; total, \$318.18.

In Stonington Union a contribution has been sent from every Church save one. One new Circle formed in Sterling. Circles have given \$244.28; six Sunday Schools gave \$51.87; Young People, \$119.53; total, \$415.68.

Mrs. F. C. Palmer of New London Association has carried on the work amid great physical weakness, and yet the undiminished returns were a tribute to the faithfulness of the leader and the earnestness of the workers. They gave by Circles, \$309.55; by Sunday Schools, \$57.70, and by Young People, \$165.70; total amount, \$532.95.

For Fairfield Association, Mrs. M. W. Silliman reports from Circles, \$290.50; from Sunday Schools, \$9.50; from Young People, \$18.27; total, \$318.27.

The New Haven Association shows the careful work of the Directors.

An all day meeting at Cromwell, a part of the Home Mission hour at the Association at New Haven, and the entertainment at the Annual Meeting in April are but a part of the activities of the friends in this Association. The Circles gave \$303.87; seven Schools, \$110.34; Young People, \$151.32; total, \$576.62.

In the Hartford Association, Mrs. E. J. Gordon, by faithful and persistent effort, has secured a response in funds from twenty-one of the Churches, giving in all \$935.68. Hartford has reason to be congratulated on the success of the work, but we all feel that until we have enlisted many more of the ladies in our Churches in the effort made by this Society to evangelize this, our own land, we cannot be content.

The total amount contributed from the State is \$3,169.71: value of supplies, \$1,192.25; number of "Home Mission Echoes" taken, 1,246. This is 135 more than were reported last year.

As I have been among the Churches, I have realized that Missionary work has an increasing hold on our sisters all over the State, and we have no room for discouragement. I would thank the friends who have spoken words of cheer and helpfulness. It has been my privilege to visit this season the Stonington Union, New London and Ashford Associations, and I am coming more and more to the conclusion that those enlisted in the work of spreading the news of the blessed Redeemer are a great and goodly host.

Rejoicing as we do over the success of the past year, we need look well to see that the year begun, and now half spent, is well begun.

A careful survey of the figures show that the receipts from the first of April until the first of August, from Circles, Bands and Sunday Schools, is \$200 less than for the same months last year.

We know that these summer months are broken time. Many are from home, and unusual cares and pleasurable duties occupy many of the "stay-at-homes." I was pleased with an account of how a party of remnants, as they called themselves, combined in their Missionary meetings during the summer months, and while having some of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year, they kept the fire of loving effort aglow, and would not allow the interest to languish, so that two or three months must be consumed in fanning the flickering flame of Missionary zeal into its ordinary winter heat. Let us set apart systematically and proportionally, that our souls may be enriched and the Mission treasuries provided with that which with God's blessing shall carry a knowledge of the truth to every untaught heart.

May the year now passing so swiftly be filled with loving, well-directed service, springing from the constraining power of the love of Christ, and may the Father smile upon the work of our hands, "The work of our hands establish Thou it."

HELEN R. DEWHURST.

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 TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of
 Connecticut.

OCTOBER 16, 1895.

One year ago, at the request of the Board of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, I undertook the work of Secretary for this State. I consented to do so reluctantly because I felt that the responsibility would be very great. I did not know then how generously and faithfully this responsibility would be shared by the many workers to whose hearts the cause is equally dear.

I wish to begin this, my first report to you, by recording my appreciation of these women who have been so willing to assume the duties connected with the work, and so faithful in their performance. Without their co-operation all that your Secretary has planned would have amounted to very little. Especially must I give honor to the

faithful Associational Secretaries. Through them the work has been carried on steadily and systematically.

The whole amount contributed to the Society last year was \$5,035.81. Our women also responded nobly in assisting to raise the funds for the Candidate's Home at Newton Centre.

In the Ashford Association, Mrs. J. B. Kent is earnestly carrying forward the work. Two new Circles have been organized, and there is prospect that two others will be organized soon.

Several Churches contributed this year that have never done so before.

Mrs. J. B. Hoyt has again wisely led the women of the Fairfield Association. Here also a new Circle has been formed, with prospect of others in the near future.

Mrs. H. L. Strong, the new Secretary of the Hartford Association, writes: "I think the outlook for the Hartford Association for the coming year is encouraging. There seems to be a growing interest." With this spirit in the Churches and an earnest, faithful leader, we are sure there will be progress.

In the New Haven Association, Miss Fannie L. Twiss has entered upon her twenty-fifth year as Secretary. That these have been years of consecrated service is shown by the well organized work. Out of thirty-one Churches, twenty-nine contributed to the Society last year. Twenty-three Circles hold regular monthly meetings. Including a legacy of \$515.00, this Association raised a little more than its apportionment. Miss Twiss says: "A contribution equal to one dollar for every woman in the Association is my aim."

We speak with pleasure of the New London Association and its Secretary, Mrs. S. A. Lester, for it is the banner Association in the State in that it raised the whole of its apportionment last year by direct contributions from its members. Mrs. Lester says: "I am encouraged to hope much for the future, and believe the New London Association women will not dishonor their record."

Next on the roll of honor comes the Stonington Union Association, the Senior Societies having raised their whole apportionment. Mrs. Elmer Latham of Mystic is the new Secretary, and is putting into the work the enthusiasm of a young and energetic worker.

Meetings have been held at regular intervals during the year by the different Conferences, also at each of the regular Association Anniversaries.

At these various gatherings we have been inspired with stirring

words from Mrs. Clark of Assam, Miss Church of Japan, Mrs. Baldwin of Burma, Dr. Emma Cummings, now Mrs. Park of Maplewood, Mass., Miss Durfee, Mrs. Waterbury and Mrs. Jennie Bixby Johnson. Miss Johanna Schuff, who went out to India in 1887 under the auspices of the South Western Conference, has been called to rest after months of suffering. It was her strong desire to return to her work in India, but she bowed cheerfully to the Master's will.

This is but a brief outline of the past year's work. Let us now direct our thoughts to plans for the year to come. What shall the record be? How shall the women of Connecticut celebrate these "Twenty-five beautiful years?"

First let us resolve we will meet the apportionment of \$8,000.00 asked from us this year. Will not every Circle make this a special subject of their work and prayers?

We ought also to bear our part in the general celebration by a generous use of the "Silver-boxes" provided for that occasion. When the report of the "Silver Offering" is made, let it include an offering from us, commensurate with our thankfulness that we have been permitted to share in the glory and triumphs of the world's greatest quarter century of Foreign Missions.

Let me ask you to remember your faithful Secretaries. They are giving time and strength. Help them in every way you can. When they write you, answer promptly. If you are doing *all you can*, you will not fail to *pray* for them.

It is our ideal to secure the fellowship in service of every Baptist woman in the State. Let us not lower the standard.

With our Master's last command echoing in our ears, and the needy fields before us, let us ask Him to incline the hearts of all the idle, waiting ones to enter gratefully and joyfully into this blessed service.

MRS. ARCHIBALD WHEATON,

State Secretary.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Once again it is our great privilege to bring you a most encouraging report of our Junior work. Last year the Juniors in twenty-nine Churches gave for our work. This year fifty-six Churches reported Junior contributions. As a natural result of the increased interest

and knowledge, the Treasurer reports the Juniors of Connecticut as having doubled their contributions. Each Association reports a decided gain.

On account of removal from the State, Miss Adeline S. Johnson was obliged in June to resign as Junior Secretary of the New Haven Association; and in September, because of long-continued illness, Miss Louise M. Burnham was constrained to lay down her work in the Hartford Association. Both of these workers had labored most efficiently and successfully, and the loss was great. Lifting our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help, we found that the Lord had other laborers ready to do His bidding, and it is with joy that we welcome them—Miss Mary White Evans of New Haven, and Miss Mary Allis Beardsley, who will serve temporarily in Hartford Association.

Again we are asked to raise \$1,200.00, and this sum has already been apportioned among the Juniors of our Churches.

Into a future full of promise we look to-day, assured that our work is of the Lord, and that through Him we can do all things.

CLARA F. McKEEVER.

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Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut.

The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union has been carrying on the work as planned at the beginning of the year. At that time we pledged four hundred and fifty dollars for the support of a Teacher in Benedict College, Columbia, S. C. Two hundred dollars for the support of a Teacher in Atoka. One hundred and fifty dollars towards the salary of Mr. Claford, and one hundred dollars towards the salary of the German Pastor in Bridgeport.

The Junior Endeavor Band of the First Baptist Church, Meriden, has continued to send fifty dollars for the support of their Indian Girl "Sallie," and other Junior Bands have contributed about sixty dollars towards the work of the Morning Star Mission.

There have been a number of other gifts for special objects in response to an appeal made direct to the Circle. A larger number of barrels than previous years has been sent, many joining with other Churches in supplying the need of the sufferers in Nebraska.

Our quarterly meetings have been well attended and very profitable. At the last Annual Meeting, Miss Clark gave us glimpses of work in the Morning Star Mission, and illustrated it with Stereopticon Views.

Mrs. Phelps has given us one of her very valuable talks on our relation to the two colored races in our country—the red man and the black man,

Mrs. Curtis gave a very profitable talk on personal work, and we have been favored with a very fine paper by Mrs. G. E. Nichols, on "A Woman's Trip to Alaska;" also Mrs. Wallace gave us one of her delightful map exercises of the Home Mission Field and its great needs.

Mr. Clafford is always with us at our meetings, and in his stirring way appeals to our sympathies, and we feel it an honor to be able to assist so faithful a servant of the Master. He does not forget other nationalities, and appeals to us to hold out a helping hand to them also.

The joint meeting in connection with the State Convention was a very pleasant meeting. In addition to reports from the two Societies and an address from Mr. Clafford, we had a very inspiring talk from Mrs. Whittaker of Boston, who had been a teacher in the South.

So vivid was her picture of her work among the colored people that we seemed to be visiting the cabins with her and hear the old "Colored *Aunties*" as they begged of her to pray for them that they might be more willing to make sacrifices for Christ.

At our Annual Meeting, held October 31st, Dr. Hazelwood of Boston gave a highly interesting lecture on Mexico, accompanying it with Stereopticon Views.

In the business session that followed there seemed to be a spirit to work among the Circles. Many kind words were said for the "Union" by zealous workers in various Churches, and we trust there will be a steady increase in Home Mission work the coming year.

MRS. W. H. ELKINS, *Secretary*.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut was held at Bridgeport, October 14 and 15.

The first half hour, Monday evening, was given to a praise service, under the direction of J. Harry Crossley, opening with "There shall be showers of blessing."

Rev. E. Dewhurst read for the Scripture Lesson a portion of the second chapter of Joel and a few verses from Matthew 21, and then led in prayer.

President F. W. Payne gave an interesting opening address. We are to form into one composite whole. We should learn from the experience of the past. We are identified with a great forward movement. A year ago we had 90 societies, with over 6,000 members; the number has been increased the past year. We must not waste our strength; we are federated for the upbuilding of righteousness.

In this convention we need to especially consider the time and place of holding our meetings for the future. The financial condition also needs careful thought. We need to proceed on the following arithmetical plan: The addition of muscular members, the subtraction of selfishness, the multiplication of laborers, and the division of labor. The right kind of a member is the one who does the thing that is at hand. Whatever is in thy hand, use it for God.

Charles Edw. Prior, the treasurer, gave his report, showing that from all sources \$123.15 was received, and \$120.78 was expended.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$16.54, and pledges for \$49.00 were presented.

A nominating committee of one from each Association was appointed: Fairfield, Mr. Waterbury; Ashford, Rev. Leonard Smith; New Haven, Mr. Carter; New London, H. D. Stanton; Stonington Union, William Fraser; Hartford, Rev. H. Linsley.

J. Harry Crossley in a few well-chosen words extended the greetings of this Society to the Convention, welcoming all for the sake of the good they would receive and the benefits they would have.

Miss Susan Hoyt Evans took for her theme "Social Compunction." After showing that evils are all about us, she impressed upon all minds that it is our duty to do what we can to remove these evils, and if by our failure to do this we hinder their removal we are ourselves guilty of those things. Christ is our example, and it is only as we work in him and for him that we can work well.

In giving his report the Secretary, F. H. Carpenter, said: "We have continued our existence, and more than this; but our efforts have been crippled by lack of funds. There is evidence of an increasing interest on the part of the young people; the Christian Culture Course has been followed by a larger number than before, and the attendance at Baltimore was three times as large as that of any previous convention of the kind."

Rev. J. S. Lyon in a graphic way pointed out the difference between "Parade and Heavy Fire," using for his illustration his own use of a wooden gun when a little boy, while his older brother was at the forefront helping Grant win his victories. He was on parade; his brother was in real service. So some are on parade in the prayer meeting, and others are in the real service in the slums of New York, or on the foreign field, or perhaps in doing the work of a pastor.

Rev. F. L. Wilkins, D. D., held the close attention of all as he spoke in an interesting way of "The Young People and the Future of the Church." He dwelt largely upon the C. C. C., its importance, and how it can be made most effective.

Rev. Dr. Pullman pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday morning Rev. F. P. Braman led the early morning prayer meeting, taking for his thought the importance of showing oneself approved of God.

Mr. Bowen, the Vice-President, took the charge of the meeting at this point and introduced Charles K. Gillette, who spoke of "Bible Training for Personal Work:"

Our work is to win souls; and we need to draw our help for this work, not simply from the pastor, but from the word of God itself. The best work of the Y. M. C. A. has been the Bible Training Class. The best method of training seems to be to gather little classes under one who is successful in winning souls, meet for an hour each week, take up for half an hour the study of the Bible, and then for a half hour study some individual case, and then for the coming week work for that individual and report at the next meeting.

Rev. A. P. Wedge spoke of "Ours a Superlative Call." It is superlative in its timeliness—it is at God's own time; in its demands—much has been done, but much more must be done; and in its possibilities—we are to train young people for the conflicts and problems of the future. God is preparing the young people. Give them time and all will be well.

"Equipped for Service" was the theme discussed by Rev. R. O. Sherwood. We sometimes mistake our purpose in being in the church. It is not simply to be benefited. We are called into the kingdom, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Service should be our watchword. We mistake in urging the people to come for the sake of the benefit. The first element in the equipment is self-abandonment; another is to study the special work before us. All must be based on a thorough knowledge of God's word.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names, and they were elected:

President—Rev. J. S. Lyon, Bristol.

First Vice-President—E. B. Boynton, Hartford.

Second Vice-President—Chas. K. Gillette, Danbury.

Secretary—F. H. Carpenter, Hartford.

Treasurer—Chas. Edw. Prior, Hartford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A. M.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 14, 1895.

Promptly at 1.30 P. M. the Conference was called to order by the President, Dr. Stone. After devotional services, the chair appointed a Committee on Nomination, consisting of Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph. D., and Rev. N. T. Allen. Their report was accepted and the following officers declared elected:

President—Rev. GEORGE M. STONE, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. EBEN C. SAGE, Ph. D.

DIRECTORS:

Ashford Association,	Rev. J. W. ASHWORTH.
Fairfield “	Rev. G. W. NICHOLSON.
Hartford “	Rev. H. M. THOMPSON.
New Haven “	Rev. A. W. SMITH.
New London “	Rev. J. G. WARD.
Ston'g'n Union “	Rev. A. WHEATON.

Trustees of the Ministers' Home.—G. M. STONE, C. L. RHOADES, GARRY BLOOMFIELD and J. AMSBURY.

The Clerk read a report of changes in the Ministry and new members were introduced to the Conference. Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph. D., read a report of the Special Committee on methods of raising and expending money for disabled ministers. The proposed change in the Constitution, regarding time and place of meeting, was voted down.

Rev. E. C. Sage read a paper entitled, "The Shadow of Good Things." After a general discussion the second essay was given by Rev. John S. Lyon, who chose for his subject, "Strands in the Pastor's Gordian Knot."

Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. G. W. Fennell and Rev. H. M. Thompson, Committee on Program, reported as follows. Literary program for next year:

Essay, Rev. R. O. Sherwood; Alternate, Rev. Allyn K. Foster.

Essay, Rev. Frank Dixon; Alternate, Rev. C. L. Rhoades.

Rev. Dr. Pogson, Secretary of the Ministers' Home, made an address in the interest of the institution.

At a late hour in the afternoon the Conference adjourned, after prayer by Rev. S. D. Phelps, D. D.

GEORGE M. STONE, *President*.

EBEN C. SAGE, *Secretary*.

THE BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION.

HARTFORD, October 16, 1895.

The Annual Meeting of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut was held in the First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, on Wednesday, October 16, 1895, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Sloper. Prayer was offered by Brother C. A. Piddock.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved as printed. Report of the winter meeting was also read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, being next in order, was presented as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report,	\$69 25
Dues collected from members,	201 00
	————— \$270 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry expenses, &c.,	\$4 65
Postage and stationery,	9 80
Printing,	20 75
Balance in hand,	235 05
	————— \$ 270 25

After some remarks by members, expressive of satisfaction in view of the favorable condition of the treasury, the report was accepted and ordered on record.

The name of Mr. George Rapelye, of New Britain, was proposed for membership, being recommended by J. R. Andrews. On motion, he was unanimously voted a member of the Union.

The election of officers being in order, the President appointed the following gentlemen to act as a Nominating Committee: James L. Howard, W. F. Walker and L. A. Gallup.

Upon due consideration, the committee presented a list of names as nominees for officers and directors.

Both the President and Secretary declined a re-election.

It was thereupon voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the chairman be requested to cast the ballot presented as the ballot of the meeting for the officers named. This having been done, the persons nominated were declared elected as the officers of the Union for the ensuing year, viz :

President—Adams P. Carroll, Norwich.

Vice-Presidents—Edward Miller, Meriden; Hon. George W. Hodge, Rainbow.

Secretary and Treasurer—Frederick W. Payne, Hartford.

Directors—E. V. Preston, Hartford; James L. Howard, Hartford; Jabez Amsbury, Danbury; S. O. Preston, New Haven; Fred. A. Betts, New Haven; James Newcomb, New London; A. J. Shipley, Waterbury; M. E. Morris, Bridgeport; A. J. Sloper, New Britain.

On motion of Brother Howard, it was unanimously voted that the thanks of the Union be tendered to the retiring officers for faithful services rendered the Union during their terms of service.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that there had been no death of any member of the Union during the year, for which several members expressed most hearty thanks.

The President called for expressions as to the advisability of continuing the winter meetings. The universal feeling being in favor of their continuance, it was voted that the President and Secretary be requested to arrange for the usual winter meeting at such time and place as they may deem best.

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet was served to members, their wives and other invited guests at the Atlantic Hotel. Promptly at 8 o'clock the company, to the number of about 190, took seats in the spacious dining hall. A fine course dinner was served by Col. Warren, the proprietor, to which ample justice was done by the assembled guests. President Sloper presided on this occasion in his usual happy manner. The divine blessing was invoked by Brother Rhoades of Stamford. A few words of welcome were spoken by Rev. G. W. Nicholson of Bridgeport. He was followed, in brief remarks, by Rev. J.

H. Mason of New Haven, Rev. E. G. Fullerton of Bridgeport, Dr. Joseph Pullman of Bridgeport, and Rev. H. A. Davenport, also of Bridgeport.

The guest of honor was Rev. W. H. P. Faunce of New York. He delivered an interesting and scholarly address, the key words of which were "Obstruction vs. Construction." The address was listened to throughout with the closest attention, and from time to time called forth most hearty applause.

The occasion was also enlivened by music from a local quartette.

In closing, the assembly arose and sang the Doxology. They dispersed about 11 o'clock feeling that the Social Union had seldom, if ever, given a more enjoyable entertainment.

The receipts and disbursements in connection with this occasion will appear in the first report of the incoming Treasurer, but for the information of members it may be well to say that after all bills are paid about \$100 will remain in the treasury.

Attest:

R. P. CHAPMAN, *Secretary*.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Jabez Amsbury,	Danbury.	W. A. Kelsey,	Meriden.
William J. Anderson,	Danbury.	E. Larkin,	New Haven.
J. R. Andrews,	New Britain.	C. E. Larkin,	New Haven.
W. C. Augur,	Hartford.	J. S. Leonard,	Rainbow.
J. G. Batterson,	Hartford.	Merrill Loomis,	New Haven.
A. G. Benedict,	Danbury.	M. E. Morris,	Bridgeport.
Fred. A. Betts,	New Haven.	J. W. Manning,	Putnam.
F. R. Bliss,	New Haven.	W. R. Morgan,	Hartford.
Andrew R. Bradley,	New Haven.	Stephen Maslen,	Hartford.
W. C. Bolles,	Hartford.	C. G. Munyan,	Hartford.
C. H. Brown,	Wallingford.	Edward Miller,	Meriden.
L. W. Carroll,	Norwich.	Geo. W. Mitchell,	Bristol.
Geo. W. Carroll,	Norwich.	James Newcomb,	New London.
A. P. Carroll,	Norwich.	A. T. Otis,	Norwich.
A. H. Condell,	Plainville.	A. H. Parker,	Hartford.
Silas Chapman, Jr.,	Hartford.	Fred. W. Payne,	Hartford.
A. H. Chapman,	Pawcatuck.	C. A. Piddock,	Hartford.
R. P. Chapman,	Hartford.	Wm. A. Potter,	Willimantic.
F. E. Corbin,	New Britain.	S. O. Preston,	New Haven.
J. L. Denison,	Hartford.	E. V. Preston,	Hartford.
James Eadie,	Hartford.	Geo. Rapelye,	New Britain.
W. H. Fielding,	Ansonia.	Sidney A. Resdon,	Waterbury.
C. M. Fenner,	Putnam.	A. B. Ryan,	Middletown.
E. C. Frisbie,	Hartford.	D. L. Smith,	Waterbury.
L. A. Gallup,	Norwich.	J. J. Shepard,	Hartford.
John Gemmill,	Hartford.	I. Luther Spencer,	Suffield.
W. A. Grippin,	Bridgeport.	A. J. Shipley,	Waterbury.
W. B. Hall,	Meriden.	A. J. Sloper,	New Britain.
Lewis Hall,	Meriden.	C. O. Spencer,	Hartford.
Edward Habenstein,	Hartford.	Elliott B. Sumner,	Willimantic.
A. J. Harmount,	New Haven.	Geo. E. Stiles,	Willimantic.
G. W. Hodge,	Rainbow.	C. R. Tiffany,	Wallingford.
Geo. J. Holmes,	New Britain.	John T. Trött,	Waterbury.
James L. Howard,	Hartford.	W. F. Walker,	New Britain.
Jöseph B. Hoyt, Jr.,	Stamford.	Francis Wayland,	New Haven.
John Ives,	Meriden.	F. T. Williams,	Meriden.
H. M. Jacobs,	Hartford.	J. Allen Wiley,	Hartford.
M. M. Johnson,	Hartford.	Pierce N. Welch,	New Haven.
J. B. Kent,	Putnam.	Henry R. Wooster,	Deep River.

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Term Expires 1896.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford;	Mr. Joseph Merriam, Middletown;
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M. M. Johnson, M. D., Hartford;	Mr. E. V. Preston, Hartford;
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Geo. P. Chandler, Esq., Hartford.	E. C. Frisbie, Esq., Hartford.

Term Expires 1897.

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Rev. G. M. Stone, D. D., Hartford;	Mr. F. C. Rockville, Hartford;
M. T. Newton, M. D., Suffield;	Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, New York;
Mr. W. A. Kelsey, Meriden;	Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden;
H. W. Erving, Esq., Hartford;	Hon. E. L. Lyford, Springfield, Mass;
Hon. George W.	Hodge, Rainbow.

Term Expires 1898.

Rev. S. D. Phelps, D. D., N. Haven;	Mr. Chas. E. Chaffee, Windsor L.
Mr. G. M. Montgomery Windsor L.;	Mr. Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford;
Rev. W. G. Fennell, Meriden;	Mr. Pierce N. Welch, New Haven.
Mr. Adams P. Carroll, Norwich;	Mr. Sydney A. Kent, Chicago;
Mr. A. J. Sloper, New Britain;	Rev. G. F. Genung, Suffield;
Rev. G. W. Nicholson,	Bridgeport.

C H A R T E R.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Passed May, 1820.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened*, That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jessie Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Ashabel Otis, Johnathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society*," and by that name they and their successors, shall, and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their constitution—not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said Society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said Committee, and annually to the Society. The

Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive committee shall annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study; preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from this Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B.—The Amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the Amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty-three (33) members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

NOTICE.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please send direct to MR. EDWARD MILLER, SR., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, REV. I. F. STIDHAM, New Britain.

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee are on the last Tuesdays of December, March, June and September, at 10:30 A. M., at the office of the Hon. JAMES L. HOWARD, Hartford, Conn.

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Oct. 16, 1895.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the Society convened at the First Baptist Church, the Hon. James L. Howard, President of the Society, in the chair.

After singing "Come, We that Love the Lord" the Rev. J. W. Ashworth of Putnam read the Scripture and offered prayer.

The President extended a welcome, and expressed his pleasure in attending the meetings of the Society. He deplored the comparatively little effort expended in the Society's work, but rejoiced in the extent of the work accomplished. He hoped this meeting would be the beginning of larger service for the Master.

The President then announced the following Committees :

On Nominations.—W. G. Fennell, J. R. Stubbett, E. M. Poteat.

On Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution.—Walter Scott, B. D. Hahn, Jabez Amsbury.

On Enrollment.—J. L. Denison, J. S. Lyon, A. P. Wedge, W. R. Bartlett, E. T. Miller, F. R. Simonds.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary :

Brethren of the Education Society—For the year just closing your Committee have endeavored to care wisely for the interests committed to their charge. In the performance of our duties we have given diligent attention to the administration of the money placed at our disposal, and have kept in personal contact with the corps of young men who are related to the denomination as its coming clergy. Many institutions of learning, from the multitudinous public schools to the high-rank college, fill our land and have assembled hundreds of the wisest and most cultured teachers to prepare our young men for their duties as citizens of this great republic, yet the general government finds it wise to sanction West Point. The highest political wisdom as it looks into the future has proclaimed the economy of the vast expenditure needed to keep its military school in existence. In like manner Christian denominations in wise forecasting have fully decided upon the wisdom of schools of special religious training and the organization of Education Societies which should execute the will of the Church in its wise provision for its future ministry, in affording the means of a proper education for that ministry.

In the days of our history when learning was at its lowest among us, the greatest anxiety was felt that educational facilities should be provided for our coming ministers. We are at this moment in the enjoyment of all the facilities in the way of academy and college and seminary. So far as we are concerned here in New England, the various departments of a full educational course are in the hands of men noted for their learning, their skill in impartation, their manliness of character and their devoted piety. There is no step in their preparatory years where our students are not under the wise, pious care of capable instructors.

Students for the ministry nearly all begin their studies at about 18 years of age. Necessarily they are immature in religious things as well as in secular learning. The preparation years are not to them a struggle of the weak for existence, but are made for them helpful years, giving not only shape but strength. We have occasion to return thanks to God that the institutions which have the charge of our young men are in the hands of godly as well as learned men,

In the administration of the trust confided to us we are privileged to make the following statistical report:

Number of students aided during the year,	16
Graduates,	1
Absent from school temporarily,	2
Added during the year,	2
Present number,	13
In college and seminary,	7
In preparatory schools,	6

The amount needed to meet expenses is \$1,515. The duty to afford opportunity to needy young men called of God to preach the Gospel is accepted, adopted, and conveniently filed away in the time-honored archives of our belief. The printed minutes of our various organizations for nearly a century are a veritable cemetery bristling with gravestones which declare the high character of the buried resolutions. These have all died in the faith and been respectably interred. Into the midst of all the claims which necessarily press on our churches, this claim has a right to be. It rests on necessity. The work at home and abroad has its initial idea in the ministry. If one looks to the character of the future church, the character of the future clergy must not be lost sight of. This is vital to the perpetuity of the church, to the existence of a church of a high, intelligent, Christian character. Whatever be our interest in all other departments, we dare not, if we are wise, ignore our manifest duty in this. We grieve to face the fact-to-day of indifference in the churches. The \$1,500 required ought to come. Our fathers thought it would come without any special effort.

But the history of the Society is a history of unceasing effort just to live. The young men whom the Lord has called to his ministry are willing to endure all things, but we are not to be unjust in permitting them to endure what will inevitably result in lowering their physical and weakening their spiritual abilities. Under the stress of need, two young men under our care desire to board themselves. Experience proves this to be unwise, because hurtful. Young men cannot herd in small rooms, where they must study, cook, eat and sleep, without bringing on indigestion and ill health. As we desire a vigorous and manly ministry, we must discourage all such attempts. Yet, brethren, this willingness to endure the agony of such straits reveals to you the spirit of these young men who are the recipients of your

aid. The comparatively small amount allowed them is a help, and a great help, conducing to their health and self-respect, and we plead for it—for these, your children, your future pastors.

The report was then considered. A number of interesting addresses upon the need of enlarging the facilities of the Society were made by Dr. G. M. Stone, Dr. S. D. Phelps, Rev. W. G. Fennell, and others, after which the report was adopted.

The Annual Address was given by the Rev. B. D. Hahn, pastor of the State Street Church of Springfield, Mass., on "The Expository Pulpit." The address was received with great favor, and the Secretary regrets his inability to accede to the general request that the address be included in this report. The address was not in manuscript, and Mr. Hahn kindly promised a full outline, but pressing engagements prevented his being able to furnish this in time for these Minutes.

Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., Treasurer, then read his annual report,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer*,*In account with*

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

1894.		Dr.	
Oct. 19,	Balance on hand,	\$	250 18
	Collection at Convention and Annual Member-		
	ships,		72 05
	25, Second Calvary Ohurch,		5 35
Nov. 6,	Contribution—R. E. Turner,		5 00
20,	Howard Avenue, New Haven, Church,		15 00
Dec. 7,	Calvary, New Haven, Church,		119 52
1895.			
Jan. 8,	Grand Avenue, New Haven, Church,		20 56
14,	Coupon—W. C. Bank, interest on investment, . .		30 00
Feb. 2,	East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, Church, . .		23 10
4,	Wallingford Church,		9 00
Mar. 11,	Noank Church,		20 00
12,	Olive Branch Sunday School, Meriden,		50 00
Apr. 9,	Main Street, Meriden, Church,		15 56
	North Lyme "		10 00
19,	Putnam "		18 92
20,	South, Hartford "		42 64
May 1,	Loan,		200 00
2,	Memorial, Hartford, Church,		20 00
June 27,	Central, Thompson, "		8 16
July 1,	Coupon, W. C. Bank, interest on investment, . .		30 00
5,	South, Hartford, Church,		40 00
8,	First, "		90 00
27,	Cornwall Hollow, Ladies' Aid Society,		1 00
Aug. 7,	East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, Church, . .		27 93
8,	Winsted Church,		4 01
	Sterling Hill Church,		1 00

Aug. 29,	Andover Baptist Church,	2 15
30,	First Church, Shelton,	5 00
Sept. 7,	First Baptist Church, New London,	44 26
11,	Central " Norwich,	75 00
24,	Second Suffield "	25 72
28,	Brooklyn "	2 25
Oct. 4,	First Meriden "	125 00
7,	Ansonia "	8 00
8,	First, New Britain, Church,	34 72
10,	South, Hartford, "	30 00
18,	First, New Haven, "	50 00
Nov. 2,	Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Church,	60 50
		\$ 1,591 52
1894.	Cr.	
Oct. 19,	Serv. at Conv't'n, No. 921, N. E. Wood,	\$ 25 00
1895.		
Jan. 12,	" " 922, J. G. Ward,	5 00
	Expenses, 923, I. F. Stidham,	5 00
	Appropriation, 924, F. D. Elmer,	31 25
	" 925, J. F. Smith,	31 25
	" 926, F. W. Blakeslee,	25 00
	" 927, F. W. Clark,	31 25
	" 928, N. C. Smith,	25 00
	" 929, A. L. Wyman,	25 00
	" 930, C. L. Owens,	25 00
	" 931, M. J. Twomey,	25 00
	" 932, C. W. Hilstren,	25 00
	" 933, M. A. Bolton,	25 00
	" 934, Jacob Pfeiffer,	31 25
	" 935, Louis J. Bamberg,	31 25
23,	Loan returned, 935½, Edward Miller,	145 90
May 1,	Appropriation, 936, F. D. Elmer,	31 25
	" 937, J. F. Smith,	31 25
	" 938, F. W. Blakeslee,	25 00
	" 939, W. F. Clark,	31 25
	" 940, N. C. Smith,	25 00
	" 941, E. H. Bronson,	31 25
	" 942, A. L. Wyman,	25 00
	" 943, C. L. Owens,	25 00
	" 944, M. J. Twomey,	25 00

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May 1,	"	945,	C. W. Hilstren, . . .	25 00
	"	946,	M. A. Bolton, . . .	25 00
	"	947,	J. Pfeiffer, . . .	31 25
	"	948,	L. J. Bamberg, . . .	31 25
	"	949,	E. K. Smith, . . .	25 00
Oct. 9,	"	950,	F. D. Elmer, . . .	62 50
	"	951,	J. F. Smith, . . .	62 50
	"	952,	W. F. Clark, . . .	62 50
	"	953,	A. L. Wyman, . . .	50 00
	"	954,	M. J. Twomey, . . .	50 00
	"	955,	M. A. Bolton, . . .	50 00
	"	956,	L. J. Bamberg, . . .	62 50
	"	957,	E. K. Smith, . . .	50 00
	Pr'tg' Minutes, 2 y'rs,	958,	W. F. Walker, . . .	60 00
	Expenses,	959,	I. F. Stidham, . . .	10 34
	Appropriation,	960,	C. L. Owen, . . .	50 00
	Postage, &c.,		Edw. Miller, Treas.,	3 00
	Balance on hand,			118 53

\$1,591 52

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer*,

In account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

1894.	Dr.	
Oct. 19,	Cash on hand, . . .	\$ 250 13
	Receipts, Convention, &c., . . .	72 05
	Contribution, Individual, . . .	5 00
	Interest on Investment, . . .	60 00
	Bills payable, . . .	200 00
	Contributions from Churches, . . .	1,004 34
		<u>\$ 1,591 52</u>

1894	Cr.	
Oct. 19,	Expenses Convention, . . .	\$ 30 00
	Expenses Secretary, postage, &c., . . .	15 34
	Expenses Treasurer, . . .	3 00
	Printing Minutes (2 years), . . .	60 00
	Bills payable, . . .	145 90
	Appropriations, . . .	1,218 75
	Balance on hand, . . .	118 53
		<u>\$ 1,591 52</u>

Note,	\$300 00
Interest on same,	13 05
Note,	200 00
Interest on same,	5 50
Total debt,	<u>\$518 55</u>

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer*.

HARTFORD, Nov. 7, 1895.

The above account has been examined, compared with vouchers, and found to be correct.

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The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society reported as follows :

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Total number members reporting,	67
Received pledges,	\$215 00
" cash,	71 00

Report received and adopted.

Rev. J. H. Mason of New Haven, representing the Newton Theological Seminary, presented the claims of that institution.

A general interchange of views followed, on the work of the coming year, in which a large number took part, pledging their efforts to have the churches represented raise \$125 each, or as much as possible.

The Society then adjourned.

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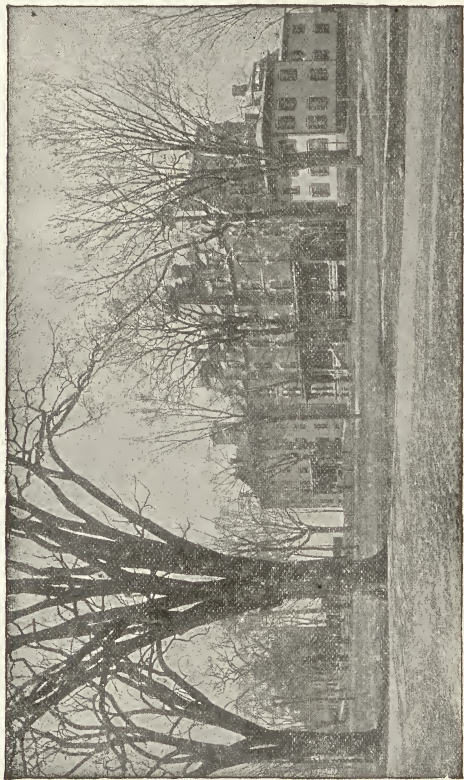
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